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October 30, 2018

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1368142-000
Subject: ROCKEFELLER, NELSON

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Below you will find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

Enclosed are 920 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

Please be advised that additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your information needs for this request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

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Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

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Nelson Rockefeller in 1966 at a state convention with daughter, Mrs. William Strawbridge; daughter

"... The fourth generation is already standing on the threshhold ..."

ROCKEFELLER

By Bernard Gavzer
Associated Press

The dream of any dynasty is continuity. In this, the House of Rockefeller is blessed.

Though the reigning third generation is full of vigor and in firm command, the fourth generation is already standing on the threshold, groomed and girded for stewardship of one of the world's great fortunes.

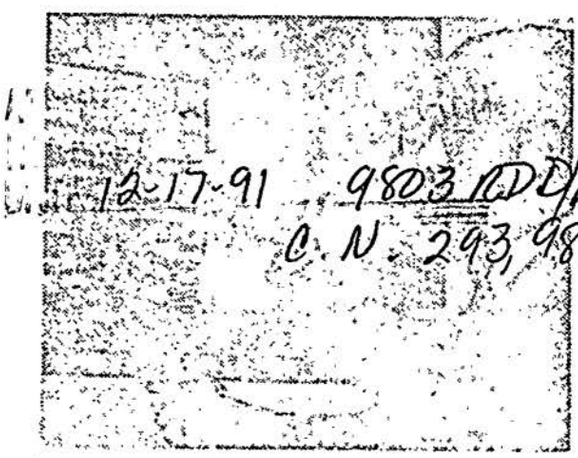
It has 23 members, in a direct line from great-grandfather John D. Rockefeller, the 19th century's principal self-made billionaire. Little-known, these 23 are emerging from protective privacy to enter the arena of public affairs. One day their decisions might affect American life.

They call themselves The Cousins.

With them, one is prompted to ask what it means to be a Rockefeller.

[illegible] decades, when does one first become aware of being a Rockefeller?

"I think my first awareness of being a Rockefeller [illegible] was in our Cadillac," said [illegible] Rockefeller II[illegible] daughter of Laurance [illegible]



David Rockefeller, Jr., a $6400-a-year arts administrator with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

servationist. "I used to slide down onto the floor when we got near Brearley and stay hidden until the chauffeur gave me the signal, and then I got out. I was very self conscious about being a Rockefeller."

There are those among [illegible] who are troubled by their name. One heiress legally changed hers. Another sought to give away her fortune.

"I never studied American History," says Lucy, "because I didn't want to sit in a class and risk hearing my great grandfather described [illegible]."

All the fourth-generation Rockefeller children recognized, once they got beyond the confines of the family estate at Pocantico Hills, N.Y., where nearly all spent most or part of their childhood, that there was something different about their [illegible]

"In [illegible] growing up as a Rockefeller I lived with a tag just as a Jew or Negro," says Hope Aldrich Rockefeller Spencer, daughter of John. I sensed what it was like to be discriminated against and have people ignore or accept you as part of a class or group rather than as an individual. I am [illegible] suggesting by any means that I was discriminated against in the same way but I think this is why I have an empathy for certain kinds of people.

"I felt often that when people heard the name Rockefeller they never saw the person name Hope."

That the name could be a burden as well as a blessing was obviously in the mind of John D. III in deciding upon the name for his only son. It was settled that he would be John. Not John D. IV. Everyone calls him Jay. Now at 31 he is Secretary of State of West Virginia.

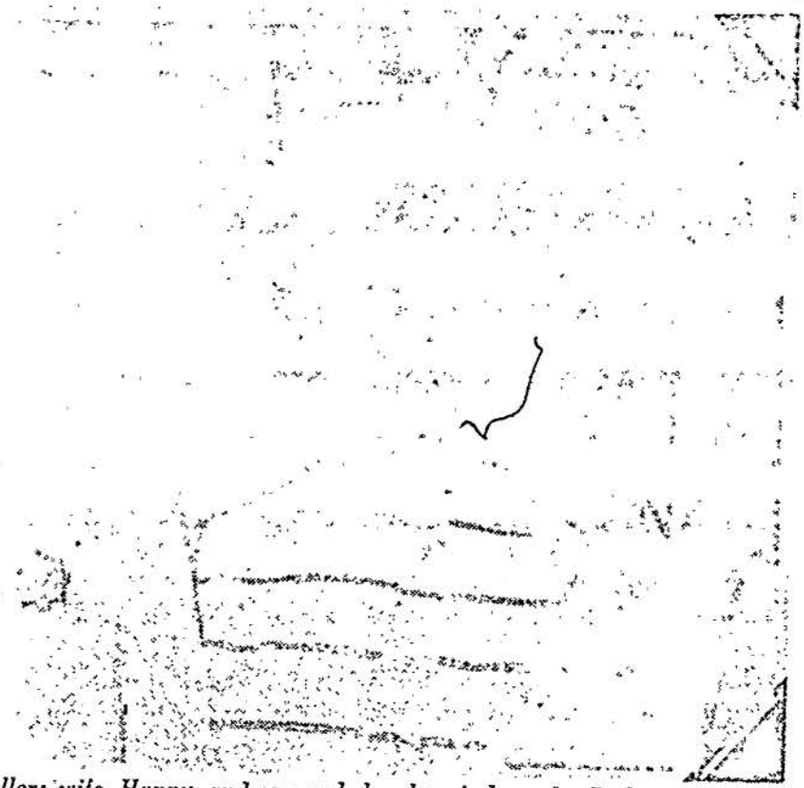
"It was left to me to determine whether I wanted to be John D. Rockefeller IV," says Jay. "When I turned 21 I decided that I did.

"I have tremendous respect for the name and what it has stood for: concern, responsibility, considered judgment. I am proud of my family. My uncle [illegible] conservative, all [illegible] David, is a progressive, innovative banker. My uncle [illegible] son is governor of New York and my uncle, Winthrop, governor of Arkansas. My father made significant contributions in the area of population control [illegible] others.

"I am proud of [illegible]

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...-law Mrs. Steven Rockefeller; wife, Happy, and son and daughter-in-law, the Rodman Rockefellers.

FAMILY ALBUM

"At 21, a Rockefeller enters the society of cousins, which meets formally . . ."

that takes seriously the question of the quality of American life."

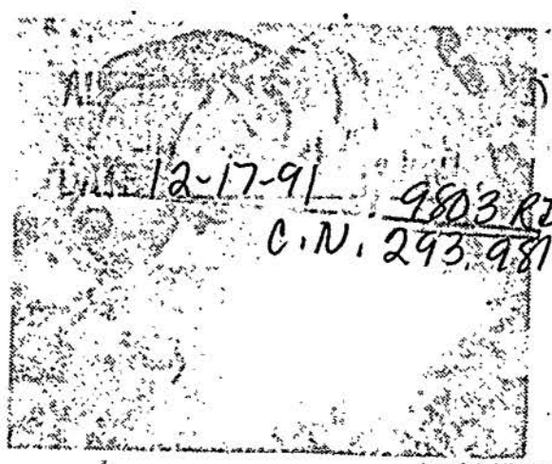
At 21, a Rockefeller enters the society of cousins, which meets formally to discuss mutual interests, such as philanthropies and investments, politics and philosophy, as well as art and theater and sports and child-rearing. There are 16 adult cousins, plus 11 spouses. These are some of them with their interests and accomplishments:

Rodman, soon to be 37, is Nelson's eldest son and an economist, Phi Beta Kappa. Hope Spencer can converse in Swahili and her brother, Jay, speaks Japanese. David Rockefeller Jr., knows his Bach and is a fine enough sailor to have crewed on the Intrepid, winner of the America Cup.

Abby Milton O'Neill, daughter of Abby Mauze, John D. Jr.'s only daughter, has a passion for the restoration of colonial Williamsburg that has made her for

...sister, Marilyn, is married to Prof. William Simp... Yale, an Egyptologist. ...ra, another daughter of John D. 3rd, is a gifted ... Mar... a sculptor and ..., who is a daughter of ..., 32, a son ... graduated cum laude from Union Theological Seminary and is seeking his doctorate. His sister, Mary Strawbridge, is an expert on primitive art and is often at work at the Museum of Primitive Art in New York.

Cousin James Stillman Rockefeller, Jr., has a doctorate from Harvard in political science and is especially interested in the psychological aspects of politics. She was magna cum laude in the history of art at Bryn Mawr. Her brother, Larry, works and lives in Harlem as a Vista worker. He is also a pilot.



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West Virginia Secretary of State John D. Rockefeller IV—Jay—and his wife, Sharon.

Two of David Rockefeller's daughters are busy in the Boston area. One is Abby, a gifted musician and an activist in the anti-draft movement, and the other is Neva Kaiser, magna cum laude at Radcliffe and currently writing a preface to a

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John D. Rockefeller, Jr., said, "I believe that the rendering of useful service is the common duty of mankind."

The Cousins have tended to take this as a literal edict that laziness or squandering of time and energy, let alone money, is certain to bring on the infliction of all the plagues catalogued in the Old Testament. The thrust of Rockefeller philanthropy is that it must include personal involvement and commitment, not absentee altruism.

"This generation has gone further to test itself and to see firsthand," says Larry Rockefeller, 24, who flew around the world in a twin-engine Beechcraft Baron, accompanied by a friend, in 1966.

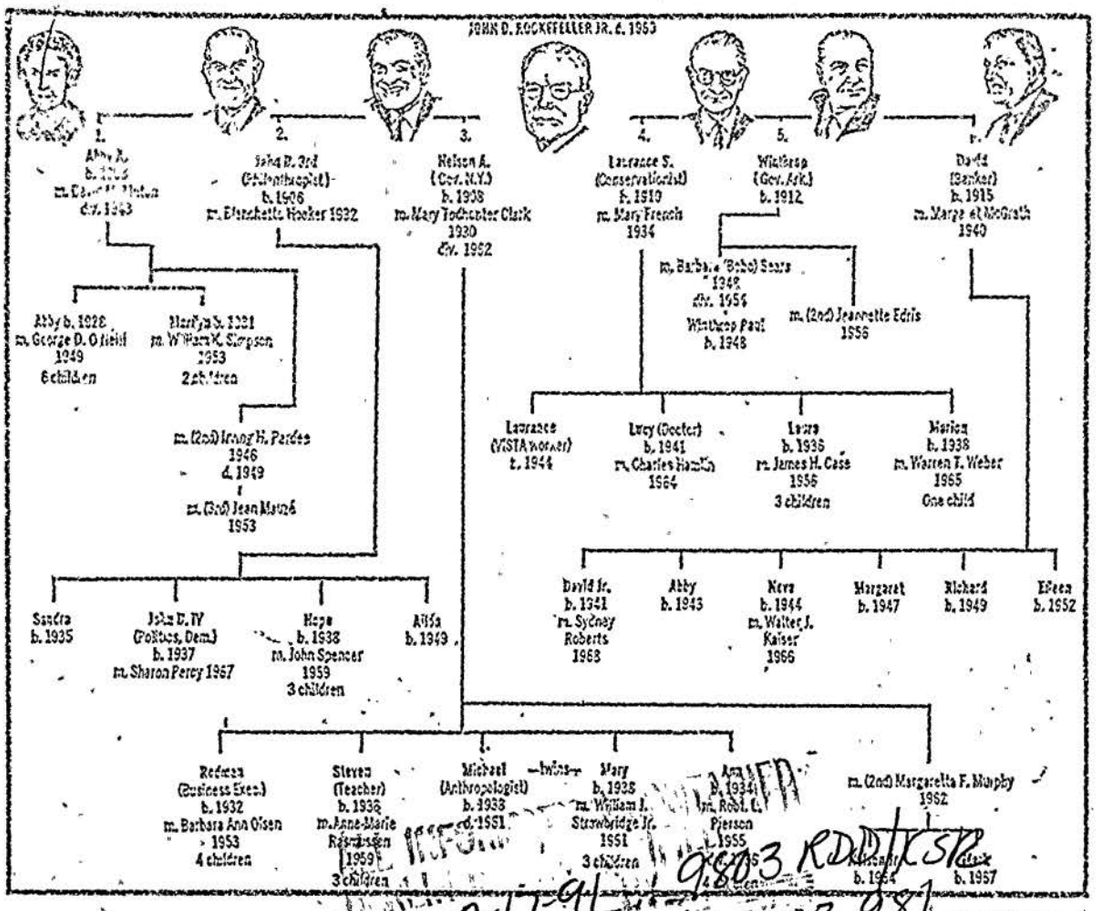
Jay Rockefeller is the one cousin most likely to strike a spark of recognition among the people. Six-feet-six, with moderately long sideburns and horn-rimmed glasses, he is not an easily forgettable man.

A friend of the Kennedy's, especially of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, he campaigned for office as a Democrat. First he was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates, and last November he was elected Secretary of State.

...ly imagine that Jay and his wife, the former Sharon Percy, vivacious and bright daughter of Illinois Republican Sen. Charles Percy, will occupy 1600 Pennsylvania ave.

White House talk irritates Jay. So does the innuendo that he went to West Vir-

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Associated Press

Rockefeller: The Fourth Generation

ROCKY, From E13

ginia to launch a political career. He came to the state in 1965 as a community worker with Action for Appalachian Youth—Community Development.

"I came here because at the age of 25 I realized I had spent a great deal of time in Europe and Japan but never had a quiet, concentrated experience in America. That didn't seem normal for a guy at 25. I wanted to be involved in something meaningful, at a grassroots level. I thought first of working with Mexican Americans and then learned of the plight of West Virginians. I felt this was a state that was being ignored," he says.

[illegible] result of an analytic process. The question: How do you do something meaningful in this state? I thought that my work as part of the Appalachian project was useful but I could see that the real and effective way was through political action. It wasn't a difficult decision. The fact that it removes privacy isn't [illegible]. I [illegible] it very much."

The Rockefellers were taught about money at an early age.

"We are given small allowances," Jay recalls. "I remember having an allowance of 15 cents a week. We had to budget it. Five cents for spending, five cents for saving and five cents for giving."

No cents for lending, according to some other cousins.

"It is not good to lend money to friends," one says. "You do, and they almost automatically think that because you are a Rockefeller there is no need to pay it back. That makes you wonder what sort of friend you have. So, our rule was, don't [illegible]."

If conservation were a passion, the Rockefellers could consume to a fare-thee-well. But some of the Rockefeller women dress as though they'd selected their entire wardrobe during a busy lunch hour in a bargain basement. Nor are the men trend-setters, either.

"Consumption no longer has an [illegible]," says Godman Rockefeller, who is the principal publication among The Cousins. (He is president of the family's International Basic Economy Corp., which is no less than a private foreign aid program.)

"After the first million, you learn you have all this money; and you buy what you need, and then you know that you have to do something with it."

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MARCH THIRTYONE, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION INVOLVED NOT INDICATED. BORN JULY EIGHT, NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND RESIDES IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION IN ALBANY, NEW YORK. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CONTAINED IN WHO'S WHO.

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ALL OFFICES EXCEPT LITTLE ROCK, ST. LOUIS, AND LAS VEGAS SEE YOUR FILE INDICATING SPI INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. BRING UP TO DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT SPI STANDARDS.

NOTE: Request received from White House today. Separate memo sent through re request.

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Return to Mr. BURNS, Room 1254.

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORITY.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S DIVORCE SHOULD BE VERIFIED FROM COURT RECORDS, HOWEVER, NO CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE WITH HIS FORMER WIFE MARY T. CLARK ROCKEFELLER.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 3/24/69

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES
WHITE HOUSE

Among the requests for investigations received from the White House today are the following, all of whom are for Presidential appointments:

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of New York

Franklin David Murphy, former Chancellor, University of California at Los Angeles, and presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of "Los Angeles Times" newspaper, Los Angeles, California

Lester Patrick Condon. He served as a Special Agent with the FBI from 1/6/47 until 1/12/51 when he resigned. His services were satisfactory. We have had cordial relations with Mr. Condon. He has been named Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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With regard to Governor Rockefeller, it is noted that wide publicity was given to his divorce from his first wife, Mary T. Clark, in 1962 and his subsequent marriage to Margaretta (Happy) Murphy. In these cases we follow the policy of interviewing a former spouse; however, we will not interview the former Mrs. Rockefeller. SAC, Albany, will be instructed to advise Governor Rockefeller that the Bureau is conducting this investigation.

ACTION: The cases have been ordered separately to the field for immediate attention. The field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigations of Governor Rockefeller and Franklin David Murphy. Our files are being reviewed and you will be advised of any unusual developments.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Burke

WHB:pnh
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALBANY (161-965) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REBUTEL MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ON THIS DATE, GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WAS ADVISED THROUGH HIS GENERAL COUNSEL [redacted] BY ASAC WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, THAT INVESTIGATION IS PROCEEDING SINCE THE GOVERNOR IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR AN IMPORTANT POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND OMAHA AND WFO

FROM ALBANY 161-965

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED MARCH THIRTYONE, NEXT.

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FBI BOSTON

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TO DIRECTOR & WFO (128-162)

FROM BOSTON (161-2182) 1P

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REBUTEL TO BOSTON AND WFO MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] UNITED FRUIT CO., EIGHT O O BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON, MASS., UNSUCCESSFUL. [redacted] HAS SINCE RETIRED. CURRENTLY RESIDES [redacted] ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

[redacted] PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY FBI DEC. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO, RESULTS FAVORABLE. [redacted] ASSOCIATED WITH APPOINTEE WHEN APPOINTEE WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

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547 PM URGENT 3/26/69 RJH 2P

TO: DIRECTOR,SACS BOSTON, DENVER, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK OMAHA, PHILADELPHIA, PORTLAND, WFO.

FROM: ALBANY (161-965)

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GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S SECRETARY, [redacted] ADVISED GOVERNOR CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH GOVERNOR FRANCIS SARGENT, MASS.; GOVERNOR JOHN LOVE, COLORADO; GOVERNOR HAROLD LEVANDER, MINNESOTA; GOVERNOR TOM MC CALL, OREGON; GOVERNOR RAY SHAFER, HARRISBURG, PA., AND U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ANTHONY TRAVIA, NEW YORK; AND SENATORS JAVITS AND GOODELL OF NEW YORK, BOTH RESIDING WASHINGTON, D.C.

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BOSTON, DENVER, MINNEAPOLIS, OMAHA, PHILADELPHIA, PORTLAND, NEW YORK AND WFO, HANDLE INTERVIEWS THEIR RESPECTIVE

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3-40 URGENT 3-26-69 HDC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BUFFALO (161-394)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MAR. THIRTYONE, NEXT.

REBUTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD MARCH TWENCYFOUR LAST.

ON MAR. TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, [redacted] b6 b7C ROCHESTER, NY., ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN FORTYONE WHEN THEY FIRST MET IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE ADVISED HE HAS HAD FREQUENT BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, HABITS, MORALS AND ABILITIES AND ADDED HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO THE U.S.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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REFERENCE: Albany teletype to Director, 3/26/69.

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PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: Portland, Oregon b6 b7C
Date: March 27, 1969

Field Office File #: 161-227 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Governor TOM McCALL of Oregon recommends Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER without reservation.

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DETAILS:

On March 27, 1969, Governor THOMAS LAWSON McCALL, State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon, advised he has known Governor NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1964, and has worked with him on several committees, both at the national governors' conferences and at the Republican governors' meetings. He supported Governor ROCKEFELLER vigorously for President, both in 1968 and 1964, and from his association with Governor ROCKEFELLER, which has been principally political, he knows nothing unfavorable as to character, associates or loyalty, and would recommend Governor ROCKEFELLER without reservation for any Presidential appointment for which he is qualified.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (161-172) -RUC-

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
OO: BUREAU

Re Bureau teletype to Washington Field and other offices, 3/24/69.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES I. ROBICHAUD on March 25, 1969:

The reference made to the applicant in Who's Who was reviewed at the Public Library, 700 Louisiana, Little Rock, Arkansas. Review of this reference failed to contain any leads in Arkansas concerning applicant.

The applicant's brother, WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER, is Governor of the State of Arkansas, and resides at the Governor's Mansion, 1800 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, wife JEANNETTE.

No credit check is being made inasmuch as the State Legislature is presently in session, and such a check could conceivably cause some dissension. In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by Little Rock, UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM OMAHA 161-437 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN.

RE ALBANY TLELTYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST.

IOWA GOVERNOR ROBERT D. DAY, DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS AND GIVES HIM THE HIGHES ENDORSEMENT FOR ANY APPOINTIVE POSITION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM STANDPOINT OF CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, ABILITY , INTELLIGENCE, AND LOYALTY.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Copy to:

Report of: WALLACE M. POLLARD
Date: 3/27/69

Office: Las Vegas, Nevada

Field Office File #: 161-168

Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRIAH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: MARY C. ROCKEFELLER, Plaintiff, granted absolute divorce 3/16/62 at Reno, Nevada, from NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Defendant, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. No record of plaintiff at PD or SO, Reno.

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DETAILS:

On March 27, 1969, [redacted] Washoe County Clerk's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised as follows:

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Divorce action number 197412 was filed March 16, 1962, in Department 1, Second Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Washoe, Reno, Nevada, by MARY C. ROCKEFELLER, Plaintiff, versus NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Defendant. This action was held March 16, 1962, in private, and transcript of the testimony was sealed. The record reflects that the parties were married at Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1930. There were no minor children the issue of this marriage at the time of this action. Property and future support agreement, dated November 17, 1961, was stipulated as fair and adequate, and was not submitted to the court. Absolute divorce was granted to the plaintiff March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. The record indicates that plaintiff had been a resident of the State of Nevada for six weeks prior to this hearing.

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On March 27, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted] Identification Bureau, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised that MARY ROCKEFELLER established her six-weeks residence at Washoe County, Nevada, in 1962 and that the files of this office contain no record concerning her. b6 b7C

On March 27, 1969, [redacted] Identification Bureau, Reno, Nevada, Police Department, advised that the files of this Bureau contained no identifiable record of MARY T. CLARK ROCKEFELLER.

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430PM URGENT 3-27-69 GCW

TO: DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD (128-162)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (161-C) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: MARCH THIRTYONE, NEXT WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL, MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ST. LOUIS VERIFYING EMPLOYMENT FOR ROCKEFELLER WITH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, FIFTY, TO NOVEMBER FIVE, FIFTYONE, AND WITH U. S. COMMERCIAL COMPANY, RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY FIFTEEN, FORTYTWO, TO JUNE TWENTYFOUR, FORTYTWO. PERSONNEL NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER UNABLE TO LOCATE RECORDS FOR OTHER EMPLOYMENTS AS LISTED IN WHO'S WHO AND ADVISED RECORDS POSSIBLY LOCATED WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Report of: [redacted]
Date: 3/21/69

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

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Field Office File #: 161-2182

Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Governor of Massachusetts and President of Dartmouth College recommend appointee without reservation. Credit and arrest negative.

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DETAILS:

Investigation at Boston, Massachusetts conducted by SA'S [redacted] and [redacted] at Augusta, Maine by SA JOHN H. KENOYER, at Seal Harbor, Bar Harbor, Ellsworth and Northeast Harbor, all Maine, by SA [redacted]

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ACQUAINTANCES

JOHN SLOAN DICKEY, President of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, advised on March 27, 1969, that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for over thirty-five years. ROCKEFELLER graduated from Dartmouth with honors in 1930 and has had a close relationship with the college since that time. He was trustee of the college for a term in the late 1940's and has taken a keen interest in the development of Hopkins Art Center at the school. Normally, he visits the school at least once a year and this is usually during the fall to watch a football game. He is a close personal friend of DICKEY and in the President's opinion is a tough-minded, idealistic, but firm and realistic leader.

DICKEY advised he has always felt very privileged to have a close association with ROCKEFELLER and he gave him his highest recommendation. DICKEY concluded by advising that ROCKEFELLER is to be the featured speaker at the anniversary commencement of Dartmouth College this coming June.

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ASSOCIATE

On March 28, 1969, Governor FRANCIS SARGENT, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he is closely associated with Governor ROCKEFELLER and has known him for over five years. He described Governor ROCKEFELLER as an extraordinary, honorable person with excellent habits and behavior, and with no known weaknesses or faults.

Governor SARGENT is not acquainted with members of the appointee's family but he knows that Governor ROCKEFELLER is well respected. To his knowledge, Governor ROCKEFELLER has always associated with leaders of the business world, Government, and academic community. Governor SARGENT said that Governor ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding, loyal citizen and is qualified to perform in an excellent manner in any Governmental position.

Governor SARGENT enthusiastically recommends the appointee and renders his full endorsement as to character, loyalty, and associates, for employment in a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

CREDIT

On March 26, 1969, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau, 50 Columbia Street, Bangor, Maine, advised that their files contain no record of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. This credit bureau covers Seal Harbor, Maine. b6 b7C

It should be noted that there is no credit reporting agency for Hanover, New Hampshire.

ARREST

On March 26, 1969, [redacted] Clerk, State Bureau of Identification, Maine State Police Headquarters, Augusta, Maine, advised SA JOHN H. KENOYER that the arrest records of that agency are negative concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

On March 26, 1969, MERRITT FITCH, Sheriff, Hancock County, Ellsworth, Maine Police Department, which covers Seal Harbor, advised that their files contain no information concerning NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. ROCKEFELLER'S summer home is located in Seal Harbor.

On March 26, 1969, Chief ALTON PINKHAM, Northeast Harbor, Maine Police Department, advised their files contained no record of appointee.

On March 26, 1969, [redacted] District Court, Bar Harbor, Maine, advised their files contained no record of appointee.

DENNIS COONEY, Chief of Police, Hanover, New Hampshire, advised on March 27, 1969, that he could locate no arrest record for the appointee.

[redacted] Supervisor, Identification Division, New Hampshire State Police, Concord, New Hampshire, advised on March 27, 1969, that he could not locate any arrest record for the appointee.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961) (RUC)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY;

BUDED: MARCH THIRTY ONE NEXT WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, MARCH TWENTY FOUR SIXTY NINE; ALBANY TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, MARCH TWENTY SIX SIXTY NINE, ALBANY TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY NINE.

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONTAINED HEREIN NOT TO BE CONSIDERED ALL INCLUSIVE BUT AS SUPPLEMENT TO PRIOR INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER OF NINETEEN FIFTY TWO. REFERENCE REPORT OF SA LAWRENCE C. BAILEY, DECEMBER NINETEEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

INFORMANT

NEW YORK T-1, AS MENTIONED SUBSEQUENTLY, IS [redacted] b7D

[redacted] (BY REQUEST).

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONTEMPLATED BY NEW YORK IN THIS MATTER INASMUCY AS IT IS FELT THAT FURTHER INQUIRY MIGHT RESULT IN ACCUSATIONS OF PROLIFERATION AND ~~PUBLIC~~ POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU.

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WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, VOLUME THIRTY FOUR, FOR THE YEARS SIXTY SIX THROUGH SIXTY SEVEN CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME REGARDING APPOINTEE, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, PRESENT GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK:

BORN BAR HARBOR, MAINE, JULY EIGHT, NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT; MARRIED MARRY TODHUNTER CLARK, SIX TWENTY THREE THIRTY, DIVORCED NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. CHILDREN, [redacted] MICHAEL (DECEASED) AND [redacted] SECOND MARRIAGE TO MARGARET FITLER MURPHY MAY SIXTY THREE, [redacted] ROCKEFELLER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR THROUGH FIFTY FIVE; GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK FIFTY EIGHT TO PRESENT; UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, FIFTY THREE TO FIFTY FOUR; CHAIRMAN MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, FIFTY SEVEN TO FIFTY EIGHT; TRUSTEE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND INDORPORATED, DIRECTOR UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES FOUNDATION INCORPORATED, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

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DEVELOPMENT, FOUNDER MUSEUM OR PRIMITIVE ART, CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION FIFTY THREE - FIFTY EIGHT, CHAIRMAN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOUNDATION INCORPORATED, FIFTY THREE TO FIFTY EIGHT.

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ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST, [redacted] PERSONAL b6 b7C
SECRETARY TO APPOINTEE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
REGARDING APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL BACKGROUND: TO SA WILLIAM J. BARRON

SHE VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S FAMILY MEMBERS AS
PREVIOUSLY REFLECTED, ADVISING THAT APPOINTEE'S [redacted] adding his second son as MARK EITNER AND

[redacted]

APPOINTEE CONSIDERS HIS LEGAL AND ACTUAL RESIDENCE
AT THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY ESTATE AT POCANTICO HILLS, NEW YORK
AS DO ALL MEMBERS OF APPOINTEE'S FAMILY. APPOINTEE MAINTAINS
AN NYC RESIDENCE AT EIGHT ONE ZERO FIFTH AVENUE, WHICH HE
OCCUPIES WHEN THE NECESSITY ARISES FOR HIM TO BE IN NYC.
APPOINTEE'S [redacted]
ALL MAINTAIN NYC RESIDENCES. WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER RESIDES
AT WINROCK, FARMS, MORRILTON, ARKANSAS.

APPOINTEE WAS DIVORCED BY HIS FIRST WIFE ON MARCH
SIXTEEN SIXTY TWO IN RENO, NEVADA.

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REGARDING APPOINTEE'S BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS, APPOINTEE FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF ROCKEFELLER CENTER INC, FIFTY TWO TO FIFTY EIGHT, SEVERED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THIS FIRM UPON HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK IN FIFTY EIGHT AND HAS ALSO DISCONTINUED ANY ACTIVE POSITION REGARDING THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART OF WHICH HE IS PRESENTLY A TRUSTEE ON AN INACTIVE BASIS. HE IS PRESENTLY AN TRUSTEE OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND INC ON AN INACTIVE BASIS AND HAS ACTED AS AN INACTIVE TRUSTEE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES FUND WHICH IS A PHILANTHROPICAL ORGANIZATION ~~LOCATED~~ for promulgation of the university located IN BOGATA, COLUMBIA. APPOINTEE ALSO DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM ANY OF HIS PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES IN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (AIA) AND ALSO WITH INTERNATIONAL BASIC ECONOMY CORPORATION (IBEC). APPOINTEE PRESENTLY TRUSTEE INACTIVE OF MUSEUM OF PRIMITIVE ART. ALSO ACTIVE IN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS BASED IN WDC DURING PERIOD FIFTY THREE TO APPROXIMATELY FIFTY EIGHT, WHICH ORGANIZATION NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE AND ALSO ACTIVE IN THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOUNDATION DURING SAME PERIOD OF TIME IN WDC.

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INFORMATION PERTAINING TO APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND, AS SET OUT PREVIOUSLY, IS CORROBORATED IN INFORMATION APPEARING IN ARTICLES IN THE NEW YORK TIMES MORGUE.

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[redacted] ADVISED SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS AND HAS BEEN APPOINTEE'S PERSONAL AND PRIVATE SECRETARY DURING LARGER PORTION OF THIS TIME. DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS ONE OF FINEST, MOST INTELLIGENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUALS SHE HAS EVER COME INTO CONTACT WITH. STATED HIS REPUTATION, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, IS UNBLEMISHED, AND HIS MORALS, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY ARE OF HIGHEST. APPOINTEE AND ALL HIS FAMILY MEMBERS SHARE IN THE HIGHEST REGARD OF ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THEM PROFESSIONALLY OR POLITICALLY. APPOINTEE HAS DIVORCED HIMSELF FROM ALL PRIVATE AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AND HAS DEVOTED ALL OF HIS TIME TO THE SUCCESSFUL AND CONTINUOUS CHORES WHICH ARE HIS AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. SHE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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WITH REGARD TO APPOINTEE'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS, [redacted] NOTED THAT PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE VENTURES OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS ARE JOINT VENTURES BY NATURE THEY ARE LARGELY CONTROLLED BY THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMEN AND PRESIDENTS ARE LARGELY INTERLOCKING WITH ROTATING OFFICERS.

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ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST, [redacted] b6 b7C JA PERSONAL ASSISTANT AND ADVISOR TO APPOINTEE, ADVISED, THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY. HE ADVISED HE HAS HAD CLOSE SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME. [redacted] VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S PRESIDENCY CAPACITY WITH THESE COMPANIES FROM INCEPTION IN FORTY SIX UNTIL APPOINTEE'S INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS IN APPROXIMATELY FIFTY THREE. HE ALSO VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S FORMER PRESIDENTIAL AND CHAIRMAN POSITIONS WITH ROCKEFELLER CENTER, INC, [redacted] HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD. HE STATES APPOINTEE'S ACTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS' OPERATIONS LARGELY CEASED SINCE HIS GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES, HAVING BEEN SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND LATER UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE. SINCE APPOINTEE'S ELECTION TO GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK IN FIFTY EIGHT, APPOINTEE HAS COMPLETELY DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM ALL OF THE ROCKEFELLER INTERESTS AND HAS DEVOTED ALL OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY TO THE FULFILMENT OF HIS ELECTED OFFICE. APPOINTEE IS OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER,

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REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES AND COMPLETELY LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES. APPOINTEE AND ALL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY ENJOY HIGHEST REPUTATIONS PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY AS TO MORALITY, INTEGRITY, SINCERITY AND LOYALTY. HE SAID THAT ON BASIS OF HIS CLOSE SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE, HE COULD RECOMMEND NO ONE MORE HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE, IBEC, ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. BARRON THAT APPOINTEE WAS KNOWN TO HIM PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS. VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S PRIOR DIRECTORSHIP OF INSTANT CORPORATION AND APPOINTEE PRESENTLY INACTIVE IN ITS AFFAIRS. [redacted] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY, AND ENJOYS HIGHEST REPUTATION AS TO MORALS, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY. APPOINTEE EXTREMELY CAPABLE IN MANY FIELDS AND IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS EXPERT ON LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. APPOINTEE HAS EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN VENEZUELA, AND NUMEROUS CONTACTS, PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL, IN SOUTH AMERICA. APPOINTEE DEVOTED TO SOLVING PROBLEMS OF HUMANITY AT HOME AND ABROAD AND [redacted] RECOMMENDS, WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[redacted] ROCKEFELLER CENTER, INC., ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. BARRON THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY FIVE YEARS. VERIFIED APPOINTEE'S PRIOR PRESIDENCY AND CHAIRMANSHIP AT THIS COMPANY PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY THREE RELATING THAT APPOINTEE HAS RELINQUISHED HIS INTERESTS IN THIS COMPANY SINCE HIS ENTRY INTO PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE. HE KNOWS APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE PERSONS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND UNQUESTIONABLE LOYALTY. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS GENEROUS, CHARITABLE AND EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT WORLD PROBLEMS, AND WHO HAS THROUGH HIS OWN PERSONAL AND OTHER ROCKEFELLER INTERESTS DILIGENTLY ATTEMPTED TO ALLEVIATE THESE PROBLEMS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS ONE OF THE FINEST GENTLEMEN HE HAS EVER MET AND THAT APPOINTEE ENJOYS

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AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION, PROFESSIONALLY, SOCIALLY, AND POLITICALLY, AS TO HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY.

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ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] CHAIRMAN OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND, INC., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS, SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. HE ADVISED APPOINTEE IS TRUSTEE OF THIS FUND WHICH IS ROCKEFELLER FAMILY PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVEMENT OF WORLD ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS BEING AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MAN, PROFESSIONALLY, SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY, WHO IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL THOSE WITH WHOM HE COMES INTO CONTACT. HE ADVISED HE AND THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY MEMBERS' PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIVES ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND RECOMMENDED HIM MOST HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] ASSOCIATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY INTERESTS AND NEW YORK STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN YEARS, SOCIALLY, PROFESSIONALLY AND POLITICALLY. HE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAS RELINQUISHED PRACTICALLY ALL OF HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN FAMILY BUSINESS AFFAIRS NOTING THAT HE IS DEVOTING ALL OF HIS TIME AND ENERGIES TO HIS OBLIGATIONS AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A MAN OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, MORALS, SINCERITY AND CHARACTER WHO IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL WHO KNOW HIM AS AN EARNEST AND SINCERE PUBLIC SERVANT AND ASTUTE BUSINESSMAN AND ADAPTABLE AND PERSUASIVE STATESMAN. HE IS RECOGNIZED BY MANY AS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING LATINGAMERICAN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL. [redacted] RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] PRESIDENT OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND, INCORPORATED, A CHARITABLE AND PHILANTHROPICAL ORGANIZATION, ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY WITH THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY. HE HAS HAD VARIOUS UNSUNDRY CAPACITIES WITH THE VARIED ROCKEFELLER ENTERPRISES SINCE THIS TIME AND HAS OVER THE YEARS DEVELOPED THE HIGHEST OPINION OF THE APPOINTEE AS TO CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, MORALS, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY. HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST HUMANITARIANS, A FINE STATESMAN, AN ASTUTE BUSINESS MAN, AND A DEDICATED PUBLIC OFFICIAL. APPOINTEE HAS BEEN OF GREAT SERVICE TO UNITED STATES AND ITS PEOPLE AND [redacted] RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[redacted] ASSISTANT GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL ~~THE~~ TO ROCKEFELLER FAMILY ~~ENTRUSTS~~ INTERESTS, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS ON PRINCIPALLY PROFESSIONAL BASIS. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS BEING LARGELY RETIRED FROM PRIVATE AFFAIRS AND TOTALLY DEDICATED AND DEVOTED TO PUBLIC LIFE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS. HE STATED ROCKEFELLER IS A SINCERE, EARNEST PUBLIC SERVANT AS HE WAS IN HIS PRIVATE AFFAIRS AND STATED ROCKEFELLER IS OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, MORALS AND CHARACTER. [redacted] RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY.

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ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] SENIOR PARTNER AND HEAD OF LAW FIRM OF CRAVATH, SWAINE AND MOORE, ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWELVE YEARS AND ON OCCASION DURING THAT PERIOD HAD DONE LEGAL WORK FOR THE APPOINTEE. HE SAID HE AND HIS WIFE, [redacted] WERE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF THE APPOINTEE AND THAT [redacted] WHO HAD SERVED IN A VARIETY OF STATE REPUBLICAN POLITICAL POSITIONS SINCE THE APPOINTEE FIRST SOUGHT THE GOVERNORSHIP OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED BY THE APPOINTEE TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY WERE OF GREAT INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL MEANS, THE APPOINTEE HAD NOT BEEN SPOILED, AS HAD SO MANY OTHERS WHO HAD COME FROM SUCH A WEALTHY BACKGROUND; BUT, TO THE CONTRARY WAS AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKING AND CONSCIENTIOUS INDIVIDUAL.

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HE ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE WAS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR. [redacted] ADVISED THAT IF INQUIRY WAS BEING MADE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE WITH REGARD TO HIS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT AS A ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO LATIN AMERICA, HE COULD THINK OF NO ONE BETTER QUALIFIED. HE SAID THE APPOINTEE HAD SERVED THE UNITED STATES AS CO-ORDINATOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA FROM NINETEEN FORTY - NINETEEN FORTY FOUR AND THROUGH HIS MANY PHILANTHROPIC AND INVESTMENT INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICA WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE PERSONALITIES AND PROBLEMS OF THAT AREA OF THE GLOBE. HE SAID APPOINTEE WAS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND RECOMMENDED HIM COMPLETELY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE, JUDGE ANTHONY J. TRAVIA, USDC, EDNY, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT THOMAS L. LAMB, JR., THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKERFELLER APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS. HE DESCRIBED THE GOVERNOR AS DEDICATED AND DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT WITH SINCERE DESIRE TO DO RIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE. CLOSE FRIENDS FOR TEN YEARS. GOVERNOR INTELLIGENT, CONSCIENTIOUS, HARD WORKING PERSON. COMMENTED FAVORABLY CONCERNING THE CHARACTER, LOYALTY, MORALS, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. RECOMMENDED VERY HIGHLY FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE, JUSTICE SAMUEL RABIN, APPELLATE DIVISION, NEW YORK CITY SUPREME COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT LAMB HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKERFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS. HE HAS HAD SOME SOCIAL CONTACT. DESCRIBED GOVERNOR AS PERSONABLE, DIPLOMATIC AND MAN OF GREAT ABILITY. RECOMMENDED AS TO CHARAC-

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ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, MR. [redacted] b7D b6 b7C

[redacted] WHICH IS ONE OF THE ROCKEFELLER ORGANIZATIONS AND IS HEADED BY NELSON ROCKEFELLER. HE SAID ITS PURPOSE IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES WHICH IS LOCATED IN BOGOTA, COLUMBIA AND THAT ITS OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE OFFICES OF THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS AT THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC. HE SAID THAT IT IS A VERY FINE ORGANIZATION AND FULFILLING A VERY WORTHWHILE PURPOSE.

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ON THREE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] ARCHITECT, FORTY FIVE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, ADVISED SA WILLIAM J. BARRON THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY ON A PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY FORTY ONE YEARS. HE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS REGARDING CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, LOYALTY, MORALITY, INTEGRITY AND SINCERITY. [redacted] STATED APPOINTEE IS EXTREMELY ETHICAL IN ALL MATTERS, BUSINESS, POLITICS AND OTHERWISE. APPOINTEE HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AS TO LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, POLITICALLY, SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. [redacted] RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY NINE, ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, UNITED STATED ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS BEEN POLITICALLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR OVER TEN YEARS. HE NOTED THAT HE RAN ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET OPPOSING MR. ROCKEFELLER FOR THE NEW YORK GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. HE STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE BOTH OF DIFFERENT POLITICAL PERSUASIONS, HE FEELS THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER IS A DEDICATED, EARNEST AND SINCERE PUBLIC SERVANT. HE STATED THAT RECENTLY IN THE PUBLIC PRESS HE HAD READ WHERE MR. ROCKEFELLER WAS TO BE AN ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT NIXON ON LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND FROM HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MR. ROCKEFELLER'S BACKGROUND, HE FEELS THAT HE IS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED FOR SUCH A POSITION. HE KNEW OF NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM RECOMMENDING HIM FOR SUCH A POSITION.

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ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, REVEREND DOCTOR [redacted] PROTESTANT COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FOUR SEVEN FIVE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR YEARS AND HAS HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIM. HE SAID APPOINTEE HAS NUMEROUS SOTH AMERICAN REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS AND HAD A GREAT INTEREST IN SOUTH AMERICA PRIOR TO BECOMING GOVERNOR. HE STATED HE FELT APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER TO SOUTH AMERICA WOULD BE ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MOST OUTSTANDING APPOINTMENTS. HE STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE MOST HIGHLY FOR SUCH A POSITION.

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ON THREE TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, RABBI DOCTOR [redacted] TEMPLE EMANU-EL, FIFTH AVENUE AND SIXTY SIXTY STREET, NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY SEVEN YEARS. HE HAS HIGHEST REGARD FOR APPOINTEE AS MAN, AMBASSADOR, GOVERNOR AND DIPLOMAT. HE FELT APPOINTEE IS EXTREMELY EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE IN SOUTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND THAT IT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT. HE HEARTILY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR ABOVE APPOINTMENT.

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[redacted] NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] SHE IS SECRETARY TO [redacted] PASTOR, CHRIST CHURCH, FIVE TWENTY PARK AVENUE, NYC. [redacted] IS ON TOUR AND WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL FOUR SEVEN NEXT. SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE HE WAS IN STATE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO KNOWS HIS FAMILY, HAVING WORKED WITH [redacted] [redacted] SHE SAID SHE HAD A VERY HIGH OPINION OF THE APPOINTEE BOTH AS A DIPLOMAT AND A STATESMAN. SHE SAID HE WAS OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING PROBLEMS AND CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA. SHE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR POSITION WHICH HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

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On 3/28/69, JOHN V. LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of NY, advised that he has been acquainted with the appointee since 1958 at which time he was running for congress as the appointee was seeking the office of Governor of the State of NY. He stated that during his period of association with the Governor he has always considered him a person of reputable character. He stated he considered him a very loyal American, devoted to the State of NY and, of course, to his country. He stated the appointee has served in the Department of State and he considers him"eminently qualified" for any position to which the Administration might appoint him.

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RIGHT REVEREND MONSIGNOR [redacted] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, ONE TWO TWO EAST TWENTY SECOND STREET, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SA LEON C. KELMER ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. HE DESCRIBED THE GOVERNOR AS A MAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, GOOD CHARACTER, GENUINE CONCERN FOR PEOPLE AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. HE REGARDS GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER AS AN ABLE, ARTICULATE ADMINISTRATOR WITH STRONG LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND KNOWS OF NOTHING TO DISQUALIFY HIM FROM ANY POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT.

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ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, MOST REVEREND TERENCE J. COOKE, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK, FOUR FIVE TWO MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. HE HAS FOUND THE GOVERNOR TO BE A MAN OF CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY, A VERY LOYAL AMERICAN, CONSCIENTIOUS, RELIABLE AND "TRUE TO HIS WORK." "HIS FORTHRIGHTNESS AND OPENESS HAVE ENCOURAGED US IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNOR."

"ALL CONTACTS WITH HIM AND LONGRANGE PLANNING THAT CATHOLIC AGENCIES HAVE HAD WITH HIS OFFICE INDICATE THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IS VERY ABLE AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATOR."

"MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNOR HAS GIVEN ME NO INDICATION OF ANYTHING THAT WOULD DISBAR GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FROM A POSSIBLE FEDERAL APPOINTMENT."

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ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] CLERK, CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, NYC,
ADVISED IC [redacted] HER FILES CONTAINED NO UNFAVORABLE
INFORMATION.

ON THREE TWENTY SIX SIXTY NINE, [redacted]
MANAGER, WESTCHESTER CREDIT BUREAU, THREE HUNDRED HAMILTON
AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA ROBERT L STEVENSON HER FILES CONTAINED NO
UNFAVORABLE CREDIT INFORMATION.

ARREST

ON MARCH TWENTY SIX SIXTY NINE, CHIEF OF POLICE
PAUL OLIVA, TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT,
HAWTHORNE, NEW YORK, WHICH DEPARTMENT COVERS POCANTICO HILLS,
NEW YORK, ADVISED NO RECORD IN FILES ON APPOINTEE OR FAMILY.

ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY NINE, SA AUGUST J. MICEK
CAUSED RECORDS NYCPD TO BE CHECKED BY DEPUTY INSPECTOR [redacted]
[redacted] BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION; PATROLMAN [redacted]
[redacted] INFORMATION UNTI; SERGEANT [redacted] OLD RECORD ROOM
(ALL OF ABOVE OF NYCPD); AND [redacted] FINGERPRINT
BUREAU, CRIMINAL COURT OF CITY OF NEW YORK. NO RECORD LOCATED
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ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY NINE, DETECTIVE [redacted] WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON THAT THE RECORDS OF HIS DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO [redacted] WHOM HE KNOWS TO RESIDE AT [redacted] WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK.

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Report of:	RICHARD G. HELD	Office:	MINNEAPOLIS
Date:	3/28/69		
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Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER		
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY		

Synopsis: Governor HAROLD LEVANDER, St. Paul, Minnesota, has been acquainted with the applicant close to ten years. States character, loyalty and ability of the highest and he would have no hesitancy in recommending him for a position of trust.

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AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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Governor HAROLD LEVANDER was personally contacted by the writer on March 27, 1969 at his office. He advised that he had had a close personal relationship with Governor ROCKEFELLER for close to ten years. He stated that the applicant has been a representative at many local, state, and national conventions and that he, LEVANDER, had served with him on most of these committees. He added that he had also worked very closely with Governor ROCKEFELLER the past few years on the National Governors Conferences and as a result had grown to consider him a man of great integrity whose only interest, other than his family, was the welfare and future of his country.

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Governor LEVANDER advised that as a result of their close association both he and his wife had stayed at the Governor's Mansion in Albany, New York, on many occasions and had grown to consider the applicant and his wife, HAPPY, as two of their closest friends. He added that he considered Governor ROCKEFELLER to be one of the most capable individuals in the U.S. today and a man in whom he would have no hesitancy in recommending for any position of trust. He concluded by stating that he felt honored and proud that the Governor had listed him as a reference.

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Title: NELSON ALDRIAH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was employed as Chairman of the International Development Advisory Board, Technical Cooperations Administration, Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation. Employed as member of U.S. Commercial Company, Reconstruction Finance Corp., Wash., D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation.

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A review on March 27, 1969, of the personnel records, National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records) St. Louis, Missouri, indicated that NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was employed on November 24, 1950, as Chairman of the International Development Advisory Board, Technical Cooperations Administration, at Washington, D.C., on a per diem basis, when actually employed. This employment was terminated on November 5, 1951, in the same position by reason of resignation - reason not shown.

Miscellaneous papers indicated that he was appointed on May 15, 1942, as a Member of the Board of Directors, of the U.S. Commercial Company, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, at Washington, D.C. This employment was terminated on June 24, 1942, in the same position by reason of resignation.

The date of birth was shown as July 8, 1908, however, the place of birth was not shown.

No other records could be located.

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US Treasury Department

Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224

Date: March 28, 1969 | In reply refer to: CP:C:D

Taxpayer: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller
Pocantici Hills
North Tarrytown, New York

Years: 1965, 1966, and 1967

Our records show that income tax returns were timely filed. There is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

This completes our report.

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TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1373) (RUC)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPI

RE ALBANY TELETYPE MARCH TWENTYSIX.

GOV. RAYMOND P. SHAFER, COMMONWEALTH OF PA., HARRISBURG, PA., ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATE AND PERSONAL FRIEND OF GOV. ROCKEFELLER FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM AS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC FIGURES IN THE WORLD TODAY. ROCKEFELLER IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, DEEPLY DEDICATED, SINCERELY COMPASSIONATE, EXTREMELY CAPABLE, AND AN UNQUESTIONABLE LOYAL AMERICAN OF THE HIGHEST MORAL INTEGRITY, SENSE OF DUTY, AND PERSONAL HONOR. GOV. SHAFER WOULD ENDORSE APPOINTEE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION FOR THE HIGHEST PUBLIC OFFICE.

UACB NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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FBI ALBANY

12:00PM URGENT 3-28-69 DER

TO; DIRECTOR

FROM ALBANY /161-965/

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED MARCH THIRTYONE NEXT.

MR. C[illegible]
ROOM 1246

RE BUTEL TO WFO AND ALBANY, MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST.

[redacted] NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYNINE THAT ROCKEFELLER WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE ON NOVEMBER FOUR FIFTY-EIGHT AND TOOK OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY ONE FIFTYNINE. ROCKEFELLER WAS RE-ELECTED GOVERNOR ON NOVEMBER SIX SIXTYTWO AND AGAIN TOOK OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY ONE SIXTYTHREE. ROCKE-FELLER WAS RE-ELECTED GOVERNOR ON NOVEMBER EIGHT SIXTYSIX AND TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE ON DECEMBER THIRTY SIXTYSIX. ROCKEFELLER IS STILL SERVING AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE.

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CHARLES SCHOENECK, ATTORNEY, SYRACUSE, N.Y., AND CHAIRMAN OF NYS REPUBLICAN PARTY, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROCKEFELLER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN AND HE SERVED AS STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY UNDER ROCKE-FELLER AND KNEW ROCKEFELLER WHEN HE, SCHOENECK, WAS A MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY. SCHOENECK STATED HE CONSIDERS ROCKEFELLER TO BE A MAN OF GREAT MORAL CHARACTER, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF

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ABILITY, ABUNDANCE OF ENERGY, GOOD COMMON SENSE, A DEDICATED AMERICAN AND ONE WHOM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE AS A SERVANT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ANY CAPACITY.

SENATOR EARL BRYDGES, NYS SENATOR AND SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, WAS INTERVIEWED ON MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE AND HE ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE OR FIFTYSIX. HE STATED THAT ROCKEFELLER IS A TREMENDOUS PUBLIC SERVANT, DEDICATED TO HIS JOB AND TO THE PEOPLE WHOM HE SERVES, A MAN OF GREAT VISION, A MAN OF INTEGRITY, ONE OF GREAT MORAL CHARACTER AND ONE WHO WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. 2

STANLEY STEINGUT, DEMOCRATIC MINORITY LEADER, NYS ASSEMBLY, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE, THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND CONSIDERS THE GOVERNOR TO BE A MAN OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER, A GREAT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, A MAN DEVOTED TO HIS STATE AND COUNTRY AND ONE WHO WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. 3

ARTHUR LEVITT, NYS COMPTROLLER, AND ONE OF THE FEW ELECTED DEMOCRATS SERVING IN THE NYS GOVERNMENT, ADVISED ON MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND HE CONSIDERS THE GOVERNOR TO BE A MAN OF EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY, A MAN OF EXCELLANT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AN INDIVIDUAL IN WHOM HE COULD PUT COMPLETE TRUST, A MAN WHO IS DEDICATED BOTH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NYS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S., AND A MAN WHO WOULD BE A GREAT ASSET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

SENATOR JOSEPH ZARETSKY, DEMOCRAT, SENATE MINORITY LEADER, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND STATES HE CONSIDERS THE GOVERNOR TO BE A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR, A MAN OF DEEP RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND ONE WHOM HE ADMIRES MORE WITH EACH PASSING YEAR. SENATOR ZARETSKY STATED THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER DIVORCED HIS FIRST WIFE BUT DESPITE ANY POLITICAL CRITICISM OF THIS DIVORCE, HE STATED ROCKEFELLER WAS A MAN IN WHOM NOTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE COULD BE SAID AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF THIS DIVORCE. ZARETSKY STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND ROCKEFELLER HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

COMMISSIONER JOSEPH MURPHY, NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR TWELVE YEARS AND HAS SERVED THE GOVERNOR AS A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF DURING THESE YEARS. HE STATED THAT THE GOVERNOR IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT INTEGRITY, A MAN OF GREAT CAPABILITY, A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR, A TREMENDOUS PUBLIC SERVANT AND ONE WHOM HE WOULD RECCOMMEND FAVORABLY FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

VINCENT L. TOFANY, COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES, STATE OF NEW YORK, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND HE IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER UNDER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER. HE STATED THE GOVERNOR IS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY, WELL INTENTIONED PURPOSES, A GREAT PUBLIC SERVANT, A MAN WITH WIDE-RANGING VISION BOTH IN STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, A DEDICATED AMERICAN CITIZEN AND A MAN WHO WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

LT. GOVERNOR MALCOLM WILSON, NEW YORK STATE, ADVISED HE

HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND DURING THESE YEARS HE HAS WORKED VERY CLOSELY AND INTIMATELY WITH THE GOVERNOR. HE ADVISED HE CONSIDERS THE GOVERNOR TO BE A MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLES WHICH WERE INBRED IN HIM BY HIS MOTHER, THAT HE WAS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY, COMPLETELY HONEST, A TRULY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN, HAVING FAR RANGING INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENTAL PROBLEMS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND MOST ASSIDUOUS IN HIS DEVOTION TO DUTY.

LT. GOVERNOR WILSON STATED THERE WAS NO SCANDAL CONNECTED WITH GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S DIVORCE FROM HIS FIRST WIFE AND THAT AMIABLE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH MRS. ROCKEFELLER AT THE TIME OF THIS DIVORCE.

HE ADVISED GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF SOUTH AMERICAN PROBLEMS.

[redacted] IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, ALBANY PD, ADVISED MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYNINE THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD IN THE FILES OF THAT DEPARTMENT FOR GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER.

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IN VIEW OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S POSITION AS GOVERNOR OF NYS AND HIS REPORTED WEALTH, NO CREDIT INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT ALBANY, N.Y.

NO REPORT IS BEING SUBMITTED BY THE ALBANY DIVISION. RUC

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: OMAHA b6 b7C
Date: March 28, 1969

Field Office File #: 161-437 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY, who has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately seven years, gives him the highest endorsement for a high appointive position in the Federal Government.

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DETAILS:

On March 27, 1969, Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY, Des Moines, Iowa, advised he has known Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately seven years through political activities. Governor RAY said he would give Governor ROCKEFELLER the highest endorsement for a high appointive position in the Federal Government from the standpoint of character, integrity, ability, intelligence, and loyalty to the United States.

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: Denver
Date: 3/28/69

Field Office File #: 161-712 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Governor JOHN LOVE, State of Colorado, advised he has known appointee since 1960, and has been closely associated with him since 1964. Governor LOVE described appointee as a very capable and outstanding administrator of unquestioned loyalty to this country, high character and desirable associates. He recommended him most highly.

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DETAILS:

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Copy to:

Report of:	SA LAWRENCE B. BARRETT	Office:	Washington, D. C.
Date:	3/31/69		
Field Office File #:	161-5674	Bureau File #:	
Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER		
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY		

Synopsis:

Information White House Records Office and White House Personnel Office set out. No record Credit Bureau, MPD or Park Police. Information from CSC file set out. [redacted] b7E No record Secret Service. No derogatory information AIRR. Library of Congress file reflects publications by appointee.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WHITE HOUSE OFFICE (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on March 28, 1969.

[redacted] Personnel Officer, made available an Official Personnel File for the appointee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, which reflected the following information: b6 b7C

June 11, 1953-Presidential appointment-Under Secretary Health, Education and Welfare (HEW)

December 22, 1954-Resignation as Under Secretary HEW-to accept another position.

December 23, 1954-Presidential appointment(without compensation) Special Assistant to the President, WHO

December 21, 1955-Resignation for Presidential appointment

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

[redacted] Chief of Records, advised the files contained the following information:

January 24, 1953-Presidential letter
Member of the President's Advisory
Committee on Government Organization

January 16, 1958-Press release
Member Armed Forces Museum Committee.

September 28, 1956-Representative of the President with rank of Special Ambassador for the Inauguration of the President - Elect of Panama.

September 21, 1960-Letter of Credence
Personal representative of the President with the rank of Sepcial Ambassador to attend the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the Independence of Nigeria.

November 10, 1965-Commission dated and signed by the President
Member of the Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations-term of two years.

November 10, 1967-Commission dated and signed by the President
re appointment to above Advisory Commission.

March 21, 1969-Commission dated

March 26, 1969-Commission signed by the President
Member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Board.

[redacted] Executive Secretary, Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, advised that the appointee was recently appointed a member of the Board and that there has been no meeting of the Board since his appointment and would be unable to comment regarding the appointee.

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On March 28, 1969, SA LAWRENCE E. BUSCHER interviewed [redacted] Alexandria, Virginia b6 b7C

At that time, he advised that he was formerly an assistant of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1940 at which time he was his assistant in the Office of Inter-American Affairs, United States Department of State. He also served with ROCKEFELLER on other occasions in the State Department. He advised that he has always held the appointee in the highest regard and feels that he is a loyal American who has always had the best interest of the country at heart. He has never known ROCKEFELLER to associate with anyone with a questionable character or loyalty. He advised that he himself attempted to persuade ROCKEFELLER to run for the Presidency of the United States, as he feels he is the type of person who could serve as President with honor and distinction. He had never known anything derogatory concerning the appointee and would recommend him highly for any position for which he is being considered.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SE [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on March 26, 1969, that the files contained no record for the appointee. b6 b7C

On March 26, 1969, IC [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On March 26, 1969, IC [redacted] searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee.

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SE [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on March 27, 1969, that Civil Service Commission (CSC) files disclosed that ROCKEFELLER was the subject of a CSC Report of Pre-Appointment Check for the position of Chairman, President's Special Committee on Government Organization, Office of Defense Mobilization in 1953. b6 b7C

CSC files further disclosed no further investigation conducted by CSC since FBI is handling Presidential appointees.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and was advised on March 28, 1969, that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning appointee since 1952 check.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on March 28, 1969, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy and Air Force investigative files, was searched through a representative of that agency on March 26, 1969, and disclosed that information possibly identical with the appointee is contained in the files of the United States Army Investigative Records Repository (AIRR) and the United States Naval Investigative Service (NIS).

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A review of the AIRR files, Fort Holabird, Maryland, on March 26, 1969, disclosed no derogatory information concerning the appointee.

On March 28, 1969, IC [redacted] determined that the files of "The Evening Star" newspaper contained numerous clippings relative to the appointee's personal, social and political life, his travels and work in foreign relations. No derogatory information was contained in the files. b6 b7C

On March 28, 1969, IC [redacted] determined that the records of the Library of Congress reflect the following publications by appointee:

"The Future of Federalism"
Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1962

"Medical Care For The Aged"
Social Security and Freedom of Choice
An address delivered to the state-wide
conference New York City, May 1, 1962,
Albany, State of New York Office Aging, 1962

"Public Papers of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER"
53rd Governor of State of New York, 1959

"Unity, Freedom and Peace";
a blueprint for tomorrow, by
NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, New York Random House,
1968

No references were located for the above publications in the Book Review Digests.

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FBI NEW YORK

2:00 PM URGENT 3-31-69 AWS

TO DIRECTOR (PLAIN)

FROM NEW YORK 161-2961

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MARCH THIRTYONE INSTANT, WITHOUT FAIL.

MR. ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NAACP, ONE SEVEN NINE ZERO BROADWAY, NYC, ADVISED SA JAMES P. MANSFIELD, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYNINE, THAT, BASED UPON WHAT HE KNOWS OF APPOINTEE'S PUBLIC SERVICE BOTH BEFORE AND SINCE HE BECAME GOVERNOR OF NY, HE RETAINS THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES, ABILITIES AND SINCERE CONCERN FOR PROMOTING THE BEST INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF THE U.S. AND ITS CITIZENS. HE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE AN EMINENTLY QUALIFIED CHOICE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FEELS APPOINTEE WILL CONTINUE TO DISTINGUISH HIMSELF, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, IN ANY POSITION TO WHICH HE IS APPOINTED.

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Via _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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Re WFO report of SA LAWRENCE B. BARRETT dated 3/31/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of IRS report dated 3/28/69.

The files of the House Committee on Internal Security were reviewed on 3/26/69 by SE [redacted] and no pertinent information regarding the appointee was located. b6 b7C

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters, and was advised on 4/1/69, that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

On 4/2/69, [redacted] Administrative Assistant to U.S. Senator CHARLES E. GOODELL, New York, advised SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN that Senator GOODLLL was unavailable but he was authorized to furnish the following information in the Senator's behalf. He stated the Senator would recommend the appointee for any position of high trust and confidence without reservation.

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On 4/2/69, [redacted] Administrative Assistant to U.S. Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, New York, advised SA AUSTIN that Senator JAVITS was unavailable but he was authorized to furnish the following information in the Senator's behalf. [redacted] stated the Senator has known the appointee many years as a close personal friend and he highly recommends the appointee for any position of high trust and confidence. b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 4-4-69

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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At the request of the White House, received 3-24-69, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, since 1958. An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted in 1952 concerning Governor Rockefeller which was favorable. Current investigation is highly favorable and complete with the exception of a check of passport files and a check of the security file at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In 1962 he was divorced by Mary Clark Rockefeller, his wife of 32 years, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty. He married Margaretta Fitler Murphy in 1963.

Governor Rockefeller was Under Secretary at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from 1953 to 1954, and Special Assistant to the President from 1954 to 1955. He has served on other Presidential committees since that time and in March, 1969, he was appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.

Governor Rockefeller has been mentioned in the press as the possible head of a special mission President Nixon is interested in sending to Latin America for a reevaluation of the Alliance for Progress.

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Cordial relations have existed between Governor Rockefeller and the FBI for many years.

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ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman transmitting the summary of current inquiries conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mrs. Brown
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Egan

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (RUC)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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ReWFOreport of SA LAWRENCE B. BARRETT dated 3/31/69, and WFOairtel to Bu dated 4/2/69.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State reviewed by SE [redacted] on 4/3/69, disclose that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was last issued passport F 550892 at New York, New York, on February 11, 1965, for travel abroad, no definite plans given. He stated that he was born on 7/8/08, at Bar Harbor, Maine. This passport was renewed on or about 4/10/68, for travel abroad, plans not given.

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He was issued the following passports:

On 11/12/54, he was issued passport (Spec.) at Washington, D.C., #44245 for propose travel to Venezuela as a tourist.

On 6/27/55, he was issued Dipl. passport 5176 at Washington, D. C., for travel to Germany on official business for the U. S. Government.

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On 12/28/55, he was issued passport 815322 at Washington, D. C., for travel to Venezuela on pleasure.

On 1/18/60, he was issued Special Passport 226393 at Washington, D. C., no travel plans given. This passport was renewed at New York on or about 5/4/63, travel plans not given.

On 9/23/60, he was issued Dipl. passport at Washington, D. C., for propose six day travel to Nigera, to head US delegation to the Independence Ceremonies of the Federation of Nigeria.

A review of the files of the Office of Internal Security, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, by SA [redacted] on 4/3/69, disclosed the appointee was granted a "Top Secret" clearance on 8/7/53, based on an investigation (date not recorded) by the FBI. The clearance was cancelled upon his resignation. b6 b7C

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April 7, 1969

BY LIAISON

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1 - Mrs. Brown
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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Legal Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

In accordance with your request received on March 24, 1969, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller, the results of which were set forth in summary memoranda dated December 30, 1952, and February 3, 1953, which have been furnished to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers the period since February, 1953.

The Internal Revenue Service has advised that income tax returns were timely filed by Governor Rockefeller for the years 1965, 1966, and 1967, and there is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

Information has been received from two governmental agencies*indicating that a check of their records concerning Governor Rockefeller has not been completed. When the results of this additional investigation are received, you will be advised.

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The investigation of Governor Rockefeller covered inquiries in the continental United States as to his character, loyalty, ability, and general standing, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

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*Passport Office, State Department; Security Office, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Enclosure

NOTE: See memorandum Cleveland to Gale, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, 4-4-69, RHE:lsk.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER SUMMARY

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller, the results of which were summarized in memoranda dated December 30, 1952, and February 3, 1953. This summary memorandum covers the period since February, 1953. Governor Rockefeller was born July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Employment

June, 1953, to December, 1954	Under Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.
December, 1954, to December, 1955	Special Assistant to the President
1953 to 1958	Chairman, President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization, Washington, D. C.
September, 1956	Representative of the President with the rank of Special Ambassador for the Inauguration of the President-elect of Panama
1958 to the present	Governor of the State of New York
September, 1960	Personal representative of the President with the rank of Special Ambassador to attend ceremonies in celebration of the independence of Nigeria
1965 to 1969	Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D. C.
March, 1969	Appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.

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See memo Cleveland to Gale, re Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, 4-4-69, RHE:lsk.

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Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Governor Rockefeller has been a member of other governmental committees and has held various offices in Rockefeller Center, Incorporated. He has served in various capacities in behalf of philanthropical organizations such as the American International Association for Economic and Social Development, the International Basic Economy Corporation, and the Museum of Primitive Art. [redacted], personal secretary to Governor Rockefeller, New York, New York, advised that Governor Rockefeller has disassociated himself from all private and business relationships to devote his time and energy to discharging his responsibilities as Governor of the State of New York. b6 b7C

Marital Status

Governor Rockefeller married the former Mary Todhunter Clark on June 23, 1930, at Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

Records of the Second Judicial District of the State of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, reveal that Mary C. Rockefeller filed a divorce action against Governor Rockefeller on March 16, 1962. A property and future support agreement dated November 17, 1961, was stipulated as fair and adequate and was not submitted to the court. An absolute divorce was granted to Mary C. Rockefeller March 16, 1962, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty.

In May, 1963, Governor Rockefeller married the former Margaretta Fitler Murphy and resides with her and [redacted] at the Rockefeller family estate, Pocantico Hills, New York, Governor Rockefeller also maintains a residence at 810 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

Interviews

Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, advised that he has had a close personal relationship with Governor Rockefeller for approximately ten years. He said that Governor Rockefeller has been a representative at many local, state, and national conventions, and he has worked with him at many of these conventions. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be a man of great integrity whose only interest, other than his family, is the welfare and future of this country. He said that Governor Rockefeller is one of the most capable individuals in the United States today. He highly recommended Governor Rockefeller for a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Robert M. Morgenthau, United States Attorney for the District of New York, New York, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with Governor Rockefeller for more than ten years. He said that although he ran on the ticket opposing Governor Rockefeller for the office of Governor in 1961, he firmly believes that Governor Rockefeller is a dedicated, earnest, and sincere public servant. He said that Governor Rockefeller is eminently qualified for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

John V. Lindsay, Mayor of the City of New York, New York, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with Governor Rockefeller since 1958. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be a very reputable individual who is a dedicated public servant. He said that Governor Rockefeller is eminently qualified for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

Samuel Rabin, Justice, Appellate Division, New York City Supreme Court, Second Judicial Department, New York, New York, who has known Governor Rockefeller for more than ten years, described him as a personable, diplomatic man of great ability. He recommended Governor Rockefeller as to character, loyalty, morals, reputation, and associates. He highly recommended Governor Rockefeller for a position of trust and confidence.

Joseph Zaretsky, New York State Senate Minority Leader, Albany, New York, advised that he has known Governor Rockefeller for 15 years and considers him to be an excellent administrator, a man of deep religious beliefs, and one whom he admires more every passing year. Senator Zaretsky stated that he highly recommends Governor Rockefeller for any position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York, New York, advised that he has the highest respect for Governor Rockefeller's character, loyalty, reputation, associates, ability, and sincere concern for promoting the best interests and welfare of the United States and its citizens. He considers Governor Rockefeller to be eminently qualified for any position of trust and confidence within the Federal Government and believes that Governor Rockefeller will continue to distinguish himself in any position to which he is appointed.

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Charles E. Goodell, United States Senator from New York, advised through his Administrative Assistant, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D in Washington, D. C., that he recommends Governor Rockefeller for any position of trust and confidence without reservation.

Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, advised through his Administrative Assistant, [redacted] in Washington, D. C., that he has known Governor Rockefeller for many years as a close personal friend and highly recommends him for any position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] who requested anonymity, advised that he has only casual contact with Governor Rockefeller and sees him occasionally at functions [redacted] He said that he [redacted]

Thirty-two additional persons, including officials of the State of New York, co-workers, religious leaders, businessmen, members of both political parties, associates, and acquaintances, were interviewed, including those listed hereinafter. They advised that Governor Rockefeller is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. Governor Rockefeller was described by them as an outstanding administrator, highly intelligent, hardworking, conscientious, deeply dedicated, and extremely capable. Those acquainted with other members of his family advised they are highly reputable persons of excellent character and unquestionable loyalty. Governor Rockefeller was further described as a man of integrity, a man of great vision, and a dedicated public servant. It was stated that Governor Rockefeller is extremely capable in many fields and is acknowledged to be an expert on Latin American affairs. Governor Rockefeller was said to have extensive holdings in Venezuela and has numerous [redacted]

contacts of a professional, social, and political nature in South America. He was said to be generous, charitable and extremely concerned about world problems, an astute businessman, and an adaptable and persuasive statesman. He was recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

John A. Love
Governor of the State of Colorado

John Sloan Dickey
President of Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

Robert D. Ray
Governor of the State of Iowa

Francis Sargent
Governor of the State of Massachusetts

Tom McCall
Governor of the State of Oregon

Raymond P. Shafer
Governor of the State of Pennsylvania

Close Relatives

Governor Rockefeller's parents, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Abby Greene Aldrich Rockefeller, are deceased. He has the following living close relatives in addition to his wife and minor children mentioned previously:

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Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Brother

Winthrop Rockefeller, Governor of the State of Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller and his immediate family.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Governor Rockefeller and his immediate family.

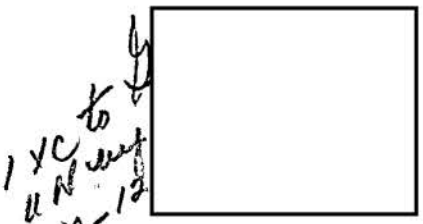
Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller:

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, Central Intelligence Agency; Defense Central Index of Investigations and United States Army Investigative Records Repository, Fort Holabird, Maryland; House Committee on Internal Security; Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command; United States Secret Service; and the White House Office.

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller.



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April 10, 1969

BY LIAISON

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Legal Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

By letter dated April 7, 1969, you were furnished a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

It has been determined that the files of the Office of Internal Security, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., reveal that Governor Rockefeller was granted a top secret clearance on August 7, 1953, which was canceled upon his resignation.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, indicate that Governor Rockefeller has been issued six passports since November 12, 1954, for travel to various countries in Europe, Africa, and South America for pleasure and official business. These files contain no derogatory information concerning him.

This concludes the investigation of Governor Rockefeller.

Sincerely yours,

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Peru Aid Ruling Set Wednesday

The United States will make no decision on whether to cut off Peru's aid and sugar quotas until next Wednesday, the State Department said yesterday.

"Nothing will occur before April 9," Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said. That date is exactly six months from the day Peru's new military government last fall took over the refinery and oilfields of the American-owned International Petroleum Co., triggering the quota cutoff requirements in the U.S. Sugar Act.

State's legal advisers previously had determined, however, that any foreign aid cutoff would come five days earlier, because the Hickenlooper Amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act dates the six-month period from the "nullification of contracts" rather than the expropriation.

It was on Oct. 4 that the Peruvian regime declared "null and void" IPC's agreement with the previous, constitutional government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry.

Now, McCloskey said, State has decided to combine the two deadlines "in view of the status of the discussions between the Peruvian government and Mr. Irwin."

John N. Irwin II, President Nixon's personal emissary to Lima, met yesterday with President Juan Velasco Alvarado and other junta members for the sixth consecutive day. The next meeting is expected on Monday.

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(INTELLIGENCE)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER [redacted] RECONSTITUTING HIS [redacted] OUTSIDE THE ADMINISTRATION TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT ON THE TOTAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE EFFORT.

THE ORDER INCREASES MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD, FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1956, FROM EIGHT TO TEN. IT [redacted] REVIEWS ACTIONS OF THE [redacted] AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN INTELLIGENCE WORK.

[redacted] CHAIRMAN.

[redacted] FIRST TIME HERE: GEORGE M. ANDERSON, [redacted] OF NAVAL OPERATIONS; [redacted] CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE TIMES-MIRROR, [redacted] NEW YORK.

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FOR MR. TOLSON

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER

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Miss Gandy	

November 11, 1970

Dear Edgar:

Thanks very much for your note of congratulations and good wishes. I deeply appreciate your taking the time and trouble to write me.

The FBI here in New York are most cooperative and helpful in all ways. They are thorough, dedicated and loyal.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

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Nelson (Rockefeller)

The Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 12, 1973

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: Nelson Rockefeller

Pursuant to your telephonic instructions following the call you received at 1:00 PM CDT, 10/12/73, the information readily available in the Bureau's files at Washington Headquarters was put together and forwarded to General Haig at the White House at 5:45 PM, 10/12/73. Copies of the information delivered are attached.

Telephonic inquiries of the ranking official on duty at the FBI Offices covering the residences verified they had no current information of pertinence that was not already available to the Bureau.

While talking with you on the telephone General Haig called in response to the writer's call at which time it was pointed out to him that within the short time deadline given on this matter the Bureau would not be able to compile its usual detailed summary of information available on these individuals. General Haig stated he thoroughly understood and realized the short deadline.

The above is submitted for information, and record purposes.

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ADDENDUM - 10/15/73

As of 9:30 AM on 10/15/73 no request had been received from the Senate Rules Committee for an investigation of Ford as reported by the Press and statements made by the Chairman of the Rules Committee.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

At the request of the White House, received 3-24-69, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, since 1958. An applicant-type investigation was previously conducted in 1952 concerning Governor Rockefeller which was favorable. Current investigation is highly favorable and complete with the exception of a check of passport files and a check of the security file at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In 1962 he was divorced by Mary Clark Rockefeller, his wife of 32 years, on the grounds of extreme mental cruelty. He married Margarotta Fitler Murphy in 1963.

Governor Rockefeller was Under Secretary at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from 1953 to 1954, and Special Assistant to the President from 1954 to 1955. He has served on other Presidential committees since that time and in March, 1969, he was appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.

Governor Rockefeller has been mentioned in the press as the possible head of a special mission President Nixon is interested in sending to Latin America for a reevaluation of the Alliance for Progress. [redacted] b7D who requested anonymity, [redacted]

Cordial relations have existed between Governor Rockefeller and the FBI for many years.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman transmitting the summary of current inquiries conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller.

Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mrs. Brown
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
(1) - Mr. Egan

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February 3, 1953

BY MESSENGER

Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to my letter of December 30, 1952, which transmitted a summary of our inquiries concerning Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller. Additional information concerning Mr. Rockefeller has now been volunteered to this Bureau and it is included in the attached summary which also contains results of the check of our files on the pertinent individuals involved.

In the absence of a specific request from you no investigation will be conducted in this matter.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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February 3, 1953

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

A confidential informant of unknown reliability furnished the following information in view of Mr. Rockefeller's appointment to a position with the present administration.

The informant stated that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

LINCOLN KIRSTEIN

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflected the following information concerning one Lincoln Kirstein who may be identical with the individual mentioned by the informant:

In the testimony of Walter S. Steele before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, in 1938, one Lincoln Kirstein was indicated as a leader of the John Reed Club, National Headquarters, 430 6th Avenue, New York City. It was further indicated that this club was reported to be a revolutionary organization composed of artists and writers in the United States and was organized by Communists in memory of an American Bolshevik, "John Reed," who was deported to Russia where he died and where his remains were placed beside Lenin in Moscow. Mr. Steele also testified that in April of 1935 there was proposed a national convention of American revolutionary writers. One Lincoln Kirstein was listed as being among those who signed the call for the convention. This convention established the League of American Writers.

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A bulletin published by the League of American Writers dated April and May, 1937, reflects that one Lincoln Kirstein was appointed to serve on a committee of the Second National Congress of the League of American Writers held in June 1937.

A confidential informant of known reliability advised in 1941, that one Lincoln Kirstein, 225 East 7th Street, New York, New York, was a member of the League of American Writers.

The "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contained the following information concerning the John Reed Clubs of the United States:

"1. 'Named after the founder of the American Communist Party.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 175.)

"2. 'Communist organizations named in honor of John Reed who was one of the earliest Communist leaders in the United States.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 270.)

"3. Among organizations created or controlled by the Communist Party or part of a united front with the party, which supported the First United States Congress Against War. The congress was openly led by the Communists. (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 462 and 466.)"

The League of American Writers was cited by the Attorney General of the United States as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

A confidential informant of known reliability furnished a letterhead of People's Songs, Incorporated, 126 West 21st Street, New York, New York. This letterhead carried one Lincoln Kirstein as a member of the Board of Sponsors for that organization.

The "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., contained the following information concerning the People's Songs:

> "1. Cited as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City. 'All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392)"

A confidential informant of known reliability advised on December 3, 1947, that Lincoln Kirstein, author and critic, spoke on October 26, 1947, at a conference of Cultural Freedom and Civil Liberties, which conference was sponsored by the Arts, Sciences and Professions Division of the Progressive Citizens of America.

The "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contained the following information concerning the Progressive Citizens of America:

> "1. Cited as a 'new and broader Communist front for the entire United States' formed in September 1946 at the direction of 'Communist steering committees' from the 'Communist-dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee' and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 369, and 1948, p. 354.)"

Another Government agency which conducts security-type investigations advised that one Lincoln Edward Kirstein, who presented himself as the Director General of the American Ballet, was in Brazil in June 1942. Kirstein went to Brazil on a private venture under the auspices of the New York Museum of Modern Art. On September 1942 Kirstein was interviewed by this agency at which time it was ascertained he was with the Office of the Coordinator of the Rockefeller institute.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following information concerning one [redacted] who may be identical with the individual mentioned by the informant:

[redacted]

December 30, 1952

Honorable Sherman Adams
Office of Dwight D. Eisenhower
Room 635
Commodore Hotel
New York 17, New York

My dear Governor

Pursuant to the request from Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller that an investigation regarding him be conducted by this Bureau, there is attached a summary of the inquiries made concerning Mr. Rockefeller.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

The following biographical data was obtained from the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who In America";

Birth Data. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller was born July 8, 1908 at Bar Harbor, Maine, the son of John Davidson Rockefeller, Jr. and Abby Greene Aldrich Rockefeller.

Education. He attended preparatory school at the Lincoln School of Teachers College, New York, New York from 1917 until 1926 when he graduated. Records at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire show that he was graduated cum laude with an A. B. Degree from that institution on June 17, 1930. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was selected as a Senior Fellow during his Senior year based upon excellence of character, dependability, and capacity for working on his own initiative.

The 1951 "Current Biography" shows that he was awarded an honorary Master of Arts Degree by Dartmouth College in 1942 and an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by Fordham University in 1941 and by the Jewish Theology Seminary in 1950.

Marriage. He was married on June 23, 1930 to Mary Todhunter Clark and they have five children, namely, Rodman, Ann, Steven, and twins Michael and Mary.

Employment. His employment record as contained in the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who In America" and which has been verified through investigation is as follows:

Since 1931 - Director, Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, New York.
1938 to 1945 and 1948 to 1951 - President, Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, New York.
Since 1945 - Chairman, Rockefeller Center, Inc., New York, New York.
1940 to 1945 - Coordinator, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C.
March 23, 1945 to April 10, 1946 - Consultant, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C.
December 20, 1944 to August 25, 1945 - Assistant Secretary of State in Charge of American Republic Affairs, Washington, D. C.
1937 to 1939 - Treasurer, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York.
1939 to 1941 and 1946 to date - President, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York.

1945 - Chairman, New York City Commission Victory Clothing Collection.
1946 - Chairman, Non-Sectarian Community Committee of New York on behalf of United Jewish Appeal.
1950 - Chairman, International Development Advisory Board (Point Four Program).
November 24, 1950 to November 5, 1951 - Chairman, International Development Advisory Board, Technical Cooperation Administration, Department of State, Washington, D. C.
President, International Association for Economic and Social Development.
President, International Basic Economy Corporation.
Trustee, Committee for Economic Development.
Trustee, Dartmouth College.
Trustee, Museum of Modern Art.
Since 1939 - Vice President, Westchester County Board of Health, Westchester County, New York.

Club Memberships. He lists membership in the following clubs:

Century, University, Dartmouth College, Knickerbocker, River, Coffee House (New York), Cosmos, and Metropolitan (Washington, D. C.).
He is a member of the Psi Upsilon, and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities.

The 1951 "Current Biography" lists Nelson Rockefeller as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, American Academy of Political and Social Science and Director of National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In 1945, he was awarded the Order of Merit of Chile by President Rios and the National Order Southern Cross by Brazil in 1946.

According to the 1951 "Current Biography" he received the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle in February, 1949.

II. RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

Interviews. The following individuals stated in substance that the Appointee is loyal, of good character, and reputation, and well qualified for a position of trust with the United States government:

Frank Abrams, Chairman, Board of Directors, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

and a member of the Committee for Economic Development.

Merrill M. Barlow, Business Manager and Comptroller, National Conference of Christians and Jews, 341 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Henry Birnstein, Executive Vice President, United Jewish Appeal, 220 West 58th Street, New York, N. Y.

Donald P. Blagden, [redacted] New York, N. Y., retired, former Director, Metropolitan Opera Association, and former Board Member of the Roosevelt Hospital. b6 b7C

W. C. Doane Candidge, retired, Building Contractor, Seal Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. Lydia B. Carter, Postmistress, Seal Harbor, Maine.

Robert O. Conant, Registrar, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

John Sloan Dickey, President, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Gerald Donovan, Attorney, [redacted] New York, N. Y., former counsel for the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, N. Y.

Andrew J. Ferguson, Chief of Police, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Marion B. Folsom, Treasurer, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York.

Berent Friele, [redacted] New York, N. Y., Director of International Basic Economy Corporation and American International Association for Economic and Social Development.

Gordon H. Glidden, Professor of Physics, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Lewis Halle, Policy Planning Advisor, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Wallace K. Harrison, Architect, [redacted] New York, N. Y.

Sydney C. Haywood, Secretary, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire,

Dr. William A. Holla, Commissioner of Public Health, Westchester County, White Plains, New York.

Ernest M. Hopkins, President Emeritus of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Kenneth R. Iverson, President, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Francis A. Jamieson, Public Relations Director for Rockefeller Brothers, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

Everett Jordan, Plumbing Supply, Seal Harbor, Maine.

Dumont Kenny, National Director of Programs, National Conference of Christians and Jews, 341 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Thomas Klechek, Personnel Officer, Office of Inter-American Affairs, 499 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Paul Kruming, President, National Export Advertising Company, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.

John Lockwood, Attorney with the firm of Curtis, Mallett, Prevost, Colt, and Mosely, 63 Wall Street and 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

James Maddox, Assistant Director, American International Association for Economic and Social Development, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

Haywood P. Martin, Assistant Administrator for Management, Technical Cooperation Administration, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

Edward G. Miller, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

Henry Montor, Vice President, American Financial and Development Corporation, 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y. and former Executive Vice President of the United Jewish Appeal.

Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, 270 Broadway, New York, N. Y. He was also associated with Rockefeller in the Victory Clothing Collection during 1945.

John Ogilvie, Vice President, Pan American World Airways, 135 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.

Joseph L. Parsons, Insurance Executive, Crum and Forster Company, 110 William Street, New York, N. Y.

Charles A. Peterson, Building Superintendent, 810 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Thomas Pyle, Bedford Road, Route 17, Pocantico Hills, New York.

Dr. Edwin Ramsdell, Chief of Staff, White Plains General Hospital and President, Westchester County Board of Health, White Plains, New York.

David C. Ranny, Cashier, Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Philip Reed, Chairman, Board of Directors, General Electric Company, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y. and Vice Chairman of the Committee for Economic Development.

Edward Rooney, Chief of Police, Mt. Pleasant Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, New York.

Chauncey Rowe, Special Assistant to the Director of Personnel, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

Beardsley Ruml, [redacted] New York, N. Y. b6 b7C

Carl Spaeth, Ford Foundation, 914 East Green Street, Pasadena, California.

Charles L. Stone, Psychology Professor, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Morris J. Sullivan, [redacted] New York, N. Y., retired, former President and Chairman of the Board, American Can Company.

Mrs. George W. Sutton, Darien, Connecticut, Treasurer of the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, N. Y.

James C. Wall, retired, Merchant, Seal Harbor, Maine.

John Jay Whitney, Broker, [redacted] New York, N. Y.

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Howard S. Wood, Grocer, Seal Harbor, Maine.

In 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation concerning the loyalty, character, and associates of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller in connection with his appointment as Chairman of the International Development Program. The following individuals contacted during that inquiry furnished favorable information regarding the Appointee, however they were not available for recontact at this time:

Allen W. Dulles, Lawyer, [redacted] New York, N. Y.

Edward K. Dunham, American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Ernest Kanzler, President, Universal C. I. T. Corporation, 1700 United Artists Building, Detroit, Michigan.

Lieutenant Leo Powers, Police Department, North Tarrytown, New York.

Henry Soderberg, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, 250 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y.

LeBaron S. Willard, 1 Old Sleepy Hollow Road, Pleasantville, New York.

Miscellaneous Information and Comments. Confidential Informant T-1, a former highly placed Federal government official, advised that [redacted]

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Louis Budenz, a former highly placed official in the Communist Party, advised that he recalled a discussion with other Communist Party functionaries during the 1940's regarding the inability of the Party to infiltrate the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. He said he never heard of Nelson Rockefeller associating with the Communist Party or any of its activities in any way whatsoever.

John C. McClintock, Assistant Vice President, United Fruit Company, 80 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he was Nelson Rockefeller's assistant at the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and also when Rockefeller was Assistant Secretary of State. He described the Appointee as a man of outstanding character, loyalty, and reputation, and regards him as being well qualified for a position of trust with the United States government.

Mr. McClintock recalled that in November, 1944, he and Rockefeller made an official visit to Ciudad, Trujillo, Dominican Republic, where Ellis Briggs was the United States Ambassador. Briggs openly and publicly snubbed Mr. Rockefeller, which action led officials of the Dominican Republic to also snub Mr. Rockefeller and thereby cause him considerable embarrassment and difficulty. According to Mr. McClintock, this behavior on the part of Briggs was entirely unnecessary and unbecoming for an Ambassador of the United States.

He explained that it was entirely possible that some Communists could have been employed in the Office of Inter-American Affairs during Rockefeller's tenure as Coordinator, however Rockefeller did not have any personal control over hiring any employees except those closely associated with him. He said further that Rockefeller would never knowingly hire or condone the hiring of anyone who was a Communist, or was affiliated with or interested in Communism.

Government Agency Checks. The records of the following Federal government agencies contained no unfavorable information concerning the Appointee:

United States Civil Service Commission.
Passport Files, United States Department of State.
[redacted]

Security Division, United States Department of State.
Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force.
Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy.
G-2, Department of the Army.
Central Files, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Relatives. Individuals interviewed during the course of the inquiry concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller who were acquainted with his immediate family and close relatives regarded them as individuals of good character, loyalty, and associates.

Credit and Criminal. The files of the law enforcement agencies listed below were checked and no reference to the Appointee was found:

Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.
Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.
Bureau of Special Services and Investigations, New York City Police Department, New York, N. Y.
New York City Police Department.
Mt. Pleasant Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, New York.
New Hampshire State Police, Concord, New Hampshire.
Police Department, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Maine State Police, North East Harbor, Maine.
Clerk of Court, Hancock County, Ellsworth, Maine.

No unfavorable reference to Mr. Rockefeller was found in the files of the following credit agencies:

Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C.
Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, New York.
Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York, N. Y.
Dartmouth National Bank, Hanover, New Hampshire.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-14-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: [redacted]
TOWER BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 11:45 a.m. this morning Supervisor D. H. Young received a telephone call from captioned individual. [redacted] indicated that he has been in contact with our Dallas Office on several occasions during the past few days to furnish information concerning Nelson Rockefeller. He stated that he wanted the information made immediately available to President Ford so that Mr. Rockefeller would not be nominated to the Vice Presidency by President Ford.

[redacted] then related a long rambling tale indicating

[redacted]

He stated that the whole situation "was a vast swindle" and has "more ramifications than Watergate." He stated he had given the information in detail to the Dallas Office but wanted to be sure it was received here at Headquarters. He was thanked for his information.

SAC Gordon Shanklin was contacted and advised that [redacted] has been a chronic complainant since 1958. He stated that he has talked with [redacted] several times during the past few days and submitted a nitel Monday night under a fraud against the Government caption outlining [redacted] story.

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. R. E. Long
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Young

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ACTION:

That this memorandum be routed to the attention of the Accounting and Fraud Section for its information.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-14-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

Attached are memoranda containing the results of a check of Bureau files concerning the following individuals, all of whom have been mentioned in the press as possible Vice Presidential nominees:

Melvin A. Laird	Lowell Weicker, Jr.
Nelson A. Rockefeller	John Rhodes
Elliot L. Richardson	William Ruckelshaus
Ronald Reagan	Edith Green
Howard H. Baker, Jr.	James Buckley
William Emerson Brock III	Dewey Bartlett
Charles H. Percy	Marlow Cook
Robert A. Taft	Hugh Scott
Mark O. Hatfield	Thomas Meskill
Robert Stafford	John Williams
Edward W. Brooke	William Simon
John B. Anderson	Barry Goldwater
Albert H. Quie	Anne Armstrong
Charles E. Goodell	George Bush

ACTION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Bowers
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman

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Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Information was received from the Special Prosecution Force on August 11, 1974, that, according to a confidential source, [redacted] who reportedly [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] when interviewed by a representative of the Special Prosecution Force on August 12, 1974, stated [redacted]

Intensive investigation is presently being conducted to resolve the foregoing allegations.

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Governor Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was Governor of New York, Albany, New York, from 1958 to December, 1973, when he resigned to devote his time to the Commission on Critical Choices for America, an organization of which he was one of the founders. He is presently Chairman of the National Study Commission on Federal Water Pollution.

Governor Rockefeller was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1930, receiving an A.B. degree. He and Mary Todhunter Clark were married in 1930. She was granted a divorce from him on March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Governor Rockefeller and his present wife, the former Margaretta Fitler Murphy, were married in May, 1963.

Governor Rockefeller was Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from June, 1953, to December, 1954, and a Special Assistant to the President from December, 1954, to December, 1955.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES

Applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller for The White House in 1950, 1952, and 1969 were favorable. However, [redacted] b7D

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Cordial relations have existed between Governor Rockefeller and the Bureau for many years.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 161-2961
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER - SPECIAL INQUIRY

REBUCALL, AUGUST 16, 1974 AND NYTEL

ON AUGUST 18, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C

ADVISED SA JOHN T. O'SHAUGHNESSY HE HAS KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S FATHER AND BROTHERS SINCE 1938. STATED HE WAS APPOINTED BY N. ROCKEFELLER TO SERVE ON MORELAND ACT COMMISSION 6 OR 7 YEARS AGO. STATED N. ROCKEFELLER WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN SO. AMERICA AND MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO UNITED STATES. STATED NEW YORK STATE HAS HAD ONLY TWO GOVERNORS, ALFRED SMITH AND N. ROCKEFELLER. STATED HE [redacted] IS A DEMOCRAT AND HAS HAD DINNER AT N. ROCKEFELLER'S HOME. KNOWS NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING N. ROCKEFELLER'S MORAL CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES OR LOYALTY. HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 9:ØØ A.M. AUGUST 19, 1974.

RE BUCAL AUGUST 16, 1974.

THE FOLLOWING SOURCES WERE CONTACTED ON AUGUST 16, 1974:

WILLIAM E. KIRWIN, SUPERINTENDENT, NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, STATED HE HAS HAD A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH ROCKEFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS AND DURING THAT TIME HAS HAD NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST PRAISE FOR HIM. HE DESCRIBED ROCKEFELLER AS A DYNAMIC, PROGRESSIVE, PUBLIC MINDED AND EXCEEDINGLY CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL. KIRWIN ADDED, "HIS (ROCKEFELLER'S) DIVORCE SITUATION WAS HANDLED WITH THE UPMOST DECENCY".

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CHARLES C. MC CLOSKEY, JR., DIRECTOR, NEW YORK STATE BUREAU FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING, DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, ALBANY, NEW YORK (MPT,DCJS), FORMER SA, FBI, AND FORMER SHERIFF, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADVISED HIS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH ROCKEFELLER DATES BACK TO 1958. IN FACT, HE SAID, WHILE SHERIFF HE TRAVELLED WITH ROCKEFELLER EXTENSIVELY. HE STATED ROCKEFELLER IS UNDOUBTEDLY QUALIFIED FOR ANY POSITION SINCE HE POSSESSES KEEN INSIGHT AND ASTUTE JUDGEMENT IN ALL MATTERS. HE REMARKED ROCKEFELLER "HAS DONE MORE FOR PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK THAN ANY MAN IN HISTORY". HE HIGHLY ENDORSED HIM.

WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MPT, DCJS, AND FORMER ASAC, ALBANY OFFICE, FBI, SAID HIS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH ROCKEFELLER EXCEEDS FOUR YEARS AND HE HAS HAD KNOWLEDGE BY REPUTATION EXCEEDING 16 YEARS. HE DESCRIBED ROCKEFELLER AS "ONE OF BEST GOVERNORS IN THE UNITED STATES, WHO IS LIBERAL IN A CONSERVATIVE FASHION."

[redacted] FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH SCRIPPS- b6 b7C
HOWARD NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE, NOW RETIRED, LOUDONVILLE, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS HAD NO BUSINESS OR SOCIAL CONTACT WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER, HE KNOWS HIM BY REPUTATION AND HAS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ESPECIALLY DURING HIS TENURE AS GOVERNOR. HE SAID HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER.

CHIEF JUDGE JAMES T. FOLEY, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ALBANY, NEW YORK, A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT, ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE NEVER MET ROCKEFELLER PERSONALLY AND HAS NO REAL INSIGHT CONCERNING HIM, IT IS HIS OPINION ROCKEFELLER WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR DUE TO HIS YEARS OF EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE ON A STATE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. JUDGE FOLEY STATED HE KNEW NOTHING WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY UPON ROCKEFELLER'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, MORALS, AND LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY.

MALCOLM E. ELLIS, [redacted]

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SCHENECTADY FOR TWELVE YEARS, A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN ADVISED HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ROCKEFELLER AND CONFERRED WITH HIM ON MANY OCCASIONS CONCERNING LEGISLATION AFFECTING SCHENECTADY. ELLIS STATED THAT ROCKEFELLER WAS THE MOST OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. HE SAID THAT HE IS FULLY QUALIFIED BY VIRTUE OF LEADERSHIP ABILITY, PERSONALITY, AND SOUND BUSINESS ACUMEN TO ASSUME AN ACTIVE VIGOROUS ROLE OF POSITION OR TRUST TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY. ELLIS ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER IS A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER WHOSE LOYALTY IS UNQUESTIONED AND HEARTILY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR AN EXECUTIVE POSITION.

BENDER SOLOMON, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT, ADVISED HE MET ROCKEFELLER ON JUST ONE OCCASION AND HAS VIEWED HIS CAREER WITH INTEREST FOR

THE PAST 20 YEARS. SOLOMON ADVISED IT IS HIS OPINION THAT ROCKEFELLER IS A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY; THAT HE IS A MAN OF FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE, WHO IS BEHOLDEN TO NO ONE AND DOES NOT HAVE TO SEEK POWER AND GLORY. HE SAID THAT HE IS A PERSON WHO DEFINITELY CAN BE TRUSTED AND FEELS THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD SUPPORT HIM IN ANY POSITION TO WHICH THE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO APPOINT HIM.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE CONTACTED ON AUGUST 17, 1974:

FRANK J. DUCI, MAYOR, SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK AND A REPUBLICAN, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROCKEFELLER SINCE ROCKEFELLER ENTERED POLITICAL LIFE OF NEW YORK STATE IN 1957. DUCI SAID THAT HE HAS HAD NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH ROCKEFELLER ON AN OFFICIAL BASIS OVER THE YEARS AND HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN HONEST, DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS "NO AX TO GRIND". DUCI SAID HE HAS GREAT RESPECT FOR ROCKEFELLER AS BEING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS TO HIS COMMITMENTS AND IS A PERSON OF GREAT INTEGRITY. HE HAD NO

KNOWLEDGE OF ROCKEFELLER'S PERSONAL LIFE SINCE HE HAS ONLY DEALT WITH HIM CONCERNING OFFICIAL MATTERS, BUT HE HAS NEVER HEARD OF ANYTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER.

MR. JOHN HART TERRY, FORMER CONGRESSMAN, 32ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN FORMER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FROM JANUARY 1, 1959 THROUGH APRIL, 1961. SINCE THAT TIME, HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ROCKEFELLER THROUGH REPUBLICAN PARTY FUNCTIONS AND MATTERS. IT IS NOTED THAT TERRY SERVED IN THE NYS LEGISLATURE 18 YEARS AT WHICH TIME ROCKEFELLER WAS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE.

MR. TERRY ADVISED THAT HE HAD THOROUGHLY ENJOYED SEVERAL YEARS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH MR. ROCKEFELLER. HE STATED THAT HE WAS "HONORABLE IN ALL RESPECTS". HE IS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER WHO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG MEMBERS OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES.

MR. TERRY ADVISED THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER IS A FASCINATING PERSON WHO HAS AN EXTREMELY AGILE MIND. HE HAS AN ABILITY

TO COMPREHEND SALIENT ISSUES OF ANY SUBJECT IN THE BRIEFEST TIME. HE ALSO HAS THE FACILITY FOR, AND IS, A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR. ACCORDING TO MR. TERRY, MR ROCKEFELLER'S MORALS ARE UNQUESTIONABLE AND HE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO QUESTION MR. ROCKEFELLER'S LOYALTY MR. TERRY STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM ANY SOURCE REGARDING AN INCIDENT WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR EMBARRASS MR. ROCKEFELLER. HE ADVISED THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER'S DIVORCE WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ANY TAINT OF NOTORIETY OR SCANDAL, AND WAS SO TREATED BY THE NEWS MEDIA. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND MR. ROCKEFELLER WITHOUT HESITATION, FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

CHIEF OF POLICE EDWARD MC ARDLE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT, ADVISED THAT HE HAS MET GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SOCIALLY ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS, BUT HAS NEVER WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM IN ANY CAPACITY.

CHIEF MC ARDLE ADVISED THAT IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYONE SPEAK IN AN UNFAVORABLE MANNER REGARDING

ROCKEFELLER'S MORALS, CHARACTER, REPUTATION OR LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHIEF MC ARDLE ADVISED THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS AN ADMINISTRATOR AND AS AN EXECUTIVE.

IT IS NOTED MAYOR ERASTUS CORNING, ALBANY, NEW YORK, IS AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE OF THE ALBANY OFFICE; HOWEVER, CHIEF MC ARDLE REMARKED THE MAYOR IS VACATIONING IN MAINE AND HAS PROPERTY ADJACENT TO NELSON ROCKEFELLER. IN FACT, THE CHIEF SAID THESE TWO ARE ON A FIRST NAME BASIS.

GEORGE A. MURPHY, NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC., ONEIDA, NEW YORK (REGISTERED REPUBLICAN), ADVISED HE HAS HAD CLOSE PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, AND CONSIDERS HIM AN OUTSTANDING PERSON. MURPHY STATED ROCKEFELLER'S ABILITIES AND WARM PERSONALITY WOULD MAKE HIM EXTREMELY SUITABLE FOR HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITION AND MIGHT BE JUST THE PERSON NEEDED TO RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST

IN GOVERNMENT.

JAMES S. KELLY, PRESIDENT, KELLY FOUNDRY AND MACHINE COMPANY, INC., UTICA, NEW YORK, (REGISTERED REPUBLICAN), ADVISED HE IS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH ROCKEFELLER BUT OPERATED HIS BUSINESS UNDER ALL OF ROCKEFELLER'S TERMS AS NYS GOVERNOR. HE STATED THE ROCKEFELLER ADMINISTRATION HAD, OVERALL, BEEN GOOD AND THE STATE IMPROVED UNDER HIM. ROCKEFELLER WAS DESCRIBED AS INSPIRING COOPERATION BY HIS STATE AGENCIES WITH BOTH LABOR AND BUSINESS AND INSURED THAT BUSINESS FIRMS WERE KEPT WELL APPRISED OF AVAILABLE LABOR, AREA, NATIONAL AND EVEN FOREIGN MARKETS. THERE WAS CRITICISM OF HIGH COSTS OF GOVERNMENT UNDER ROCKEFELLER BUT HIS PROGRAMS, ACCORDING TO KELLY WERE PROVED TO BE SOUND AND PRODUCTIVE.

ROCKEFELLER IS DESCRIBED AS ONE WHO IS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY WHEN MEETING WITH PERSONS OF ALL LEVELS AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ASSET IN FURTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

MR. CHARLES A. SCHOENECK, JR., ATTORNEY AND FORMER NYS REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN, 110 JUNEWAY ROAD, SYRACUSE,

NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAD KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY FOR IN EXCESS OF 20 YEARS. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE GOVERNOR TO BE A HARD-WORKING, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, ADMINISTRATOR WHO POSSESSES HIGH MORAL STANDARDS, A PATRIOTIC ATTITUDE AND A DEEP SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONCERN FOR OUR NATION AND AWARENESS OR PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. SCHOENECK STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE HESITANT TO RECOMMEND THE GOVERNOR FOR ANY HIGH ROSITION OF TRUST.

MR. JAMES SULLIVAN, JR., USA, NDNY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, 104 WINTERTON DRIVE, DEWITT, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAD KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR APPROXIMATELY 18 YEARS ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS. SULLIVAN STATED HE CONSIDERS ROCKEFELLER TO BE A COMPETENT, INTELLIGENT AND HONEST PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSSESSING HIGH MORAL STANDARDS AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

MR. SULLIVAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED AN ADMINISTRATION AS GOVERNOR OF

THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR 15 YEARS AND ENCOUNTERED NO SCANDALS WHILE IN OFFICE. SULLIVAN STATED, BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNOR, HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE CONTACTED ON AUGUST 18, 1974:

DEAN IRA E. HARROD, DEAN OF STUDENTS, RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TROY, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER ON TWO OCCASIONS AT RPI. DEAN HARROD STATED THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK. GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IS A DEFENDER OF THE REGENT SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM AND HIS ACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLE TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. DEAN HARROD STATED THAT HE THINKS GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IS A GOOD MAN AND IS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH HIM.

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JAMES A. FITZPATRICK, CHAIRMAN, NEW YORK STATE POWER

AUTHORITY, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE, [redacted] PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK. b6 b7C

HE HAS KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR 15 YEARS. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF ROCKEFELLER'S PLATFORM COMMITTEE EACH OF THE FOUR TIMES HE RAN FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE, AND HAS HAD EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW HIS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. HE HAS LIBERAL SOCIAL VIEWS BUT HIS STRONG BACKGROUND IN FINANCE GIVES THESE AN EXCELLENT BALANCE.

ROCKEFELLER HAS ALL THE QUALITIES NECESSARY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. HE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN, A PROVEN ADMINISTRATOR AND A MAN OF COMPLETE INTEGRITY, WITH VISION AND IMAGINATION.

MR. FITZPATRICK IS CONVINCED THAT ROCKEFELLER IS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM IN LATIN AMERICA, AND HIS CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD QUALIFY HIM TO A VERY HIGH DEGREE FOR AN EXECUTIVE POSITION.

RONALD B. STAFFORD, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR, 42ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT, WAS INTERVIEWED AT PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK.

HE SAID THAT HE HAS KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER SINCE 1964, WHEN STAFFORD WAS WORKING WITH SENATOR KEATING. HE CONSIDERS ROCKEFELLER TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. HE FEELS HE KNOWS ROCKEFELLER AND HIS POLICIES WELL AND GREATLY ADMIRES THEM; ROCKEFELLER BELIEVES THAT THE UNITED STATES IS THE STRONGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD AND CONSIDERS IT TO BE IMPERATIVE THAT THE UNITED STATES MAINTAIN ITS STRENGTH.

ROCKEFELLER IS A PROVEN ADMINISTRATOR WHO WOULD CAPABLY FILL ANY HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICE TO WHICH APPOINTED.

JOHN M. PERHACH, SHERIFF, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS HAD A LONG-STANDING ASSOCIATION WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION INVOLVING TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. SHERIFF PERHACH ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF OUT-STANDING CHARACTER AND ABILITIES.

EDWIN L. CRAWFORD, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, STATED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR A POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

CRAWFORD ADVISED THAT HE IS PHILOSOPHICALLY ALIGNED WITH ROCKEFELLER AND HAS OBSERVED HIM TO BE AN HONEST, STRAIGHT FORWARD INDIVIDUAL. CRAWFORD RECOMMENDED ROCKEFELLER AS AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR ANY POSITION.

ROBERT E. FISHER, JUDGE, NYS SUPREME COURT, INTERVIEWED BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN NELSON ROCKEFELLER TO BE A STRAIGHT FORWARD, "TWO FISTED" INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN AND WILL MAKE NECESSARY DECISIONS. JUDGE FISHER ADVISED HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN ROCKEFELLER'S ABILITIES TO PERFORM ANY JOB.

SAC, ALBANY HAS MET NELSON ROCKEFELLER ON OCCASION; HOWEVER, HAS HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF HIM FROM EITHER A PERSONAL OR SOCIAL STANDPOINT. THE INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL OF THIS OFFICE WHO HAVE HAD OCCASION TO CONTACT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OVER THE PAST YEARS, HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERATE TREATMENT AND PROMPT AND CORDIAL ATTENTION GIVEN CONCERNING ANY INQUIRIES CONDUCTED. THE CONSENSUS OF NOT ONLY THE OFFICE PERSONNEL, BUT ALSO OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING WITHIN THE TERRITORY COVERED BY THE DIVISION

IS THAT NELSON ROCKEFELLER IS A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR WHO IS, AND HAS BEEN, HIGHLY REGARDED BY THOSE WITH WHOM HE ASSOCIATES. THERE IS NO KNOWN DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR AND THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN PRIMARILY FAVORABLY RECEIVED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 1P RUC

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI.

RE BUJEAU CALL, AUGUST 16, 1974.

ON AUGUST 19, 1974, HIS EMINCENCE TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR MANY YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM A DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT. HE STATED ROCKEFELLER HAS PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN VERY CREDITABLE, CONSCIENTIOUS AND UPRIGHT MANNER AND NOTHING HAS EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO DOUBT HIS INTEGRITY, RELIABILITY OR GOOD NAME. HE ADDED HE OPPOSED ROCKEFELLER'S STAND ON ABORTION BUT HE REGARDS HIM AS AN ABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ADMINISTRATOR.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8/19/74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

A request was received on 8/16/74, from The White House for a discreet inquiry and a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Rockefeller, former Governor of New York, who is among those being considered for appointment as Vice President.

Applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969 were favorable, except for the comments of [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

Information was recently received from the Watergate Special Prosecution Force and the Office of Counsel to the President concerning allegations that

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1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
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During the current inquiries, 21 established sources of the Albany and New York Offices were contacted and they furnished favorable comments concerning Rockefeller. They are aware of nothing which should preclude his appointment to a position of responsibility with the Government. One established source, [redacted] Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York City, now retired, referred to rumors he has heard concerning Rockefeller's "extramarital affairs," but said he feels they are unfounded. He stated he is of the opinion Rockefeller would be an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State, although he, [redacted] personally prefers Barry Goldwater, U.S. Senator from Arizona.

Comments of FBI Personnel, Albany and New York Offices

Assistant Director John F. Malone of the New York Office advised he has been in contact with Rockefeller on numerous occasions. He considers Rockefeller to be forthright and honest, and a man who always takes a direct approach to matters. Mr. Malone described Rockefeller as an excellent administrator and said Rockefeller holds the Bureau in very high regard.

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Memorandum Coleman to Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

SAC John W. Burns of the Albany Office is not personally acquainted with Rockefeller, but has met him. He stated he is aware of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning Rockefeller who, to his knowledge, is held in high regard by everyone.

Rockefeller is not personally known to other personnel of the Albany and New York Offices.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter furnishing The White House a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Rockefeller as well as the results of the current inquiries concerning him.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Cleveland
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August 19, 1974

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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Haig:

In accordance with a request received on August 16, 1974, limited inquiries have been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York. The information set forth hereinafter contains the results of those limited inquiries as well as a summary of the results of applicant-type investigations conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969.

Governor Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1930, receiving an A. B. degree. He and Mary Todhunter Clark were married in 1930. She was granted a divorce from him on March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Governor Rockefeller and his present wife, the former Margaretta Fitler Murphy, were married in May, 1963.

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For many years Governor Rockefeller held various offices in Rockefeller Center, Incorporated, New York, New York, including that of President. He served as Coordinator of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C., from 1940 to 1945, and was later an Assistant Secretary of State and Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Governor Rockefeller was a Special Assistant to the President during 1954 and 1955. He was Governor of New York from January, 1959, to December, 1973, when he resigned to devote his time to the Commission on Critical Choices for America, an organization of which he was one of the founders. Governor Rockefeller is presently Chairman of the National Study Commission on Federal Water Pollution.

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NOTE: See cover memorandum Coleman to Cleveland dated 6/19/74, Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Special Inquiry, OJA:dcm.

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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller in 1950, 1952, and 1969. During those investigations more than 100 persons, including Governor Rockefeller's professional associates and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning his character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, and described him as an outstanding administrator and astute businessman who is intelligent, conscientious, hardworking, and capable. He was further described as a man of unquestioned integrity and great vision, and a dedicated public servant. Governor Rockefeller was said to have extensive holdings in Venezuela and he was described as an expert on Latin American affairs.

During the 1952 investigation of Governor Rockefeller, one individual, a [redacted] who requested anonymity, advised [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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All other persons interviewed during the investigations of Governor Rockefeller recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

The Watergate Special Prosecution Force (WSPF) and Office of Counsel to the President furnished information to this Bureau on August 11 and 13, 1974, respectively, alleging that [redacted]

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During the current limited inquiries, twenty-one established sources of the New York City and Albany, New York, offices of the FBI were contacted. They furnished favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller and advised they are aware of nothing which should preclude his appointment to a position of responsibility with the Government.

One established source, who advised he is not personally well acquainted with Governor Rockefeller, said he has heard rumors concerning Governor Rockefeller's "extramarital affairs," but feels they are unfounded. He stated he is of the opinion Governor Rockefeller would be an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State. This individual advised the only reservation he has concerning Governor Rockefeller is his own personal preference for a person like Barry Goldwater, United States Senator from Arizona, who "made it in politics on his own and was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth."

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Rockefeller.

The limited inquiries currently conducted consisted of discreet contacts with established sources and do not constitute a full field investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, BUFFALO (161-394)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

SAC, WFO (161-5674)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

NYS SENATOR MARY ANNE KRUPSAK, DEMOCRAT-LIBERAL, CANAJOHARIE, NY, ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER HAS DISTORTED ISSUES TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE AND HAS MADE THE STATE LEGISLATURE SUBSERVIENT TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. SHE SAID ROCKEFELLER HAS USED LOOPHOLES IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND IN THE LEGAL STRUCTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. SHE ADVISED FURTHER SHE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE THAT ROCKEFELLER HAD USED HIS

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INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN VERY CHEAP LEASES ON SECTIONS OF THE ADIRONDACK PRESERVES FOR SOME OF HIS FRIENDS. SHE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ROCKEFELLER.

INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY DETERMINED THAT THE FOLLOWING PROMINENT DEMOCRATS KNOW ROCKEFELLER WELL:

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ANTHONY TRAVIA, NEW YORK CITY; NYS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MOSES WEINSTEIN, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK; AND NYS ASSEMBLY MINORITY LEADER STANLEY STEINGUT, NEW YORK CITY.

THE AUGUST 17, 1974, ISSUE OF THE "TIMES UNION" DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED ALBANY, NY, CONTAINED AN ARTICLE WHEREIN IT WAS REPORTED THAT MRS. BETTIE DURYEA, WIFE OF NYS REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY SPEAKER PERRY B. DURYEA, SENT TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT FORD AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WHEREIN SHE TERMED ROCKEFELLER AS UNFIT FOR "EVEN THE OFFICE OF DOG CATCHER".

THE AUGUST 21, 1974, EDITION OF THE "TIMES UNION" REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

NOVEMBER, 1958, DEFEATED INCUMBENT NYS GOVERNOR W. AVERILL HARRIMAN; NOVEMBER, 1962, WON A SECOND FOUR-YEAR

TERM AS GOVERNOR BY DEFEATING U.S. ATTORNEY ROBERT MORGENTHAU; NOVEMBER, 1966, WON ELECTION TO A THIRD FOUR-YEAR TERM BY DEFEATING QUEENS COUNTY (NEW YORK) DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK D. O'CONNOR; NOVEMBER, 1970, WON A FOURTH TERM AS GOVERNOR BY DEFEATING FORMER U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ARTHUR GOLDBERG.

NYS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ADVISES [redacted] FORMER COUNSEL TO FORMER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER NOW IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN NEW YORK CITY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

BUFFALO AND NEW YORK BEAR IN MIND ALLEGATIONS OF KRUPSAK DURING INTERVIEWS.

NEW YORK SECURE COMMENTS OF ABOVE DEMOCRATS AND FORMER POLITICAL OPPONENTS HARRIMAN, MORGENTHAU AND O'CONNOR.

IT IS NOTED MRS. DURYEA, SUPRA, RESIDES [redacted] [redacted] NEW YORK. NEW YORK THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW MRS. DURYEA.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW [redacted]

NEW YORK AND WFO REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF GOLDBERG AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

BOSTON (161-2182)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 1P P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

DONALD S. HARRINGTON, NEW YORK STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERAL PARTY PRESENTLY IN DENMARK, MAINE, AND CAN BE REACHED AT 207-452-2192.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)
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FROM ALBANY (161-965) 1P ~~(P)~~.

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

INFORMATION RECEIVED ROCKEFELLER MEMBER OF, OR CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, INC. (COFR). VERIFY THIS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION. FOR BACKGROUND THIS ORGANIZATION REFER YOUR FILE 9-628 CAPTIONED "COFR, 58 E 58TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, U.S. SENATORS, AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES - VICTIMS, EXTORTION."

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TODAY.

WITH REGARD TO INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER'S FINANCES, THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AGENT ACCOUNTANTS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AS COORDINATORS FOR THIS PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION:

JOSEPH E. HENEHAN, [redacted] AND ROBERT P. KEEHAN.

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ROCKEFELLER IS TO BE INTERVIEWED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1974, FOR BACKGROUND DATA AND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS FINANCES, AND SA HENEHAN WILL PARTICIPATE. LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES ROCKEFELLER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., ON AUGUST 22, 1974, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW BY WASHINGTON FIELD ARE BEING MADE.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

THE BINGHAMTON, NY, OFFICE OF NYS SENATOR WARREN M. ANDERSON, REPUBLICAN, ADVISED ANDERSON VACATIONING CORN HILL COTTAGES, CARE OF [redacted] MASSACHUSETTS. b6 b7C

ANDERSON IS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER IN NYS SENATE AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF NOMINEE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

GOVERNOR MALCOM WILSON'S OFFICE ADVISED ASAC GEORGE R. STEEL THAT THE GOVERNOR IS IN A TRAVEL STATUS AND WILL FIRST BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TOMORROW IN HIS NEW YORK CITY OFFICE. [redacted] SHOULD BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY AND INTERVIEW ARRANGED WITH GOVERNOR FOR AUGUST 22, 1974.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

Mr. [illegible]
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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

[redacted] EMPLOYEE OF MR. NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND PROMINENT NYS ATTORNEY, WILL BE IN NYC UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY, 1974.

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DATE: 12-17-91 9803 RDD/ISR

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL TODAY INITIATING INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER.

IN VIEW OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT RESULTS OF YOUR COMPLETED INVESTIGATION REACH THE BUREAU ON OR BEFORE COB ON THE DEADLINE. NO DELAY WHATSOEVER WILL BE TOLERATED.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

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REBUTEL TODAY.

RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN REPORTS UNDER APPROPRIATE CAPTIONS IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED AS TO THEIR OCCUPATIONS, SUCH AS "INTERVIEWS WITH LABOR LEADERS," "INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY," ETC. WHERE APPROPRIATE. REPORTS CONTAINING RESULTS OF ISOLATED INTERVIEWS NEED NOT CONTAIN SUCH CAPTIONS.

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TO SAC SACRAMENTO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT.

SACRAMENTO INTERVIEW CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN. SUBMIT 6 COPIES OF REPORT TO REACH BUREAU BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUGUST 28, 1974.

IN VIEW OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT RESULTS OF YOUR COMPLETED INVESTIGATION REACH THE BUREAU ON OR BEFORE COB ON THE DEADLINE. NO DELAY WHATSOEVER WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8/21/74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Pursuant to advice received from the Director's office on the evening of 8/20/74, we have initiated an investigation of Governor Rockefeller. The investigation was ordered to the field this morning for immediate attention.

The field has been instructed to conduct a complete and extensive investigation commensurate with the high office to which Governor Rockefeller has been nominated. The investigation will include interviews with federal, state, and local governmental officials; leaders in the fields of politics, labor, and religion; members of the legal profession; and representatives of minority and ethnic groups. Organizations in which Governor Rockefeller presently holds membership or has held membership are being ascertained and investigation will be conducted to determine whether these organizations have any discriminatory practices.

In accordance with our established procedure concerning highly prominent persons such as Governor Rockefeller, we have instructed the field to conduct no neighborhood investigation of him unless some reason to do so arises, at which time Bureau approval should be requested.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt (R.E. Long, Room 2244)
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. Auerswald

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Memorandum Coleman to Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

It is noted that General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., at The White House advised that Governor Rockefeller will not be available for interview regarding background data necessary for the investigation until Thursday, 8/22/74. He will be interviewed as soon as he is available and additional leads will be set out as quickly as this information is obtained.

The Accounting and Fraud Section of the General Investigative Division is assisting in the assignment of personnel to handle the financial aspects of this investigation similar to the manner in which the investigation of President Gerald R. Ford was handled. As soon as a determination can be made as to the scope of that matter, appropriate instructions will be issued to the field. In all probability, this cannot be definitely determined until Governor Rockefeller is interviewed.

ACTION: For information.

CLARENCE M. KELLEY
DIRECTOR

8/21/74

General:
re NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
We will see Mr.
Rockefeller 8/22/74.
We then will be able
to estimate how much
we need to do to round
out the investigation.
We can then give you
an estimate of the
completion date. When
we do this, hopefully
8/23/74, will you give
this information to
General Haig as well
Mr. Cannon.

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1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
(R.E. Long, Room 2244)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK; SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 2679,

NOTE: Request received today from White House.

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA.

APPLICANT-TYPE INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER WERE CONDUCTED IN 1950, 1952, AND 1969. REPORTS COVERING 1950 AND 1952 INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE DISSEMINATED BY BUREAU AS SUBMITTED. RESULTS OF 1969 SPECIAL INQUIRY INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO CURRENT REPORTS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AS TO THE PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION. MAKE ANY NECESSARY RECONTACTS.

VERIFY CURRENT RESIDENCES OF CLOSE RELATIVES AND CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS.

INTERVIEW PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, OPPONENTS IN POLITICAL ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF HIS AND OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTIES. ALSO INTERVIEW NATIONAL LABOR OFFICIALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ATTORNEYS, MINORITY AND ETHNIC REPRESENTATIVES, AND APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY. INSURE APPROPRIATE RECORDS ARE CHECKED FOR LOCAL AND STATE TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING AGAINST HIM.

DETERMINE WHETHER ANY REAL PROPERTY ROCKEFELLER PERSONALLY OWNS OR HAS OWNED ENCUMBERED WITH ANY COVENANTS PERTAINING TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, OR RELIGION.

TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

CHECK NEW YORK STATE AND NEW YORK CITY INCOME TAX RECORDS FOR ANY DELINQUENCIES. WASHINGTON FIELD CHECK INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, PASSPORT, AND STATE SECURITY.

WASHINGTON FIELD ALSO REVIEW FILES OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR REVIEWS OF ANY PUBLICATIONS AUTHORED BY HIM.

CHECK APPROPRIATE NEWSPAPER MORGUES.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH ROCKEFELLER, WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 22, 1974, AND EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION DESIRED CONCERNING HIS FINANCES WILL BE SET FORTH IN TELETYPE TO FOLLOW.

IDENTIFY ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH HE HAS HELD MEMBERSHIP, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAD OR HAVE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION RE ROCKEFELLER UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO EXISTS, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED.

ST. LOUIS CHECK NPRC-C AND BALTIMORE MAKE CURRENT CHECK OF DCII. [redacted] b7E

TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE AS IS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT 6 COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS NOMINEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR, AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

MAKE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE DATA IS INCORPORATED IN ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES RATHER THAN DETAILS OF REPORT.

ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY TELETYPE.

FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ANY ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICES.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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MR. CLEVELAND

Bill,

Re my telcal to you 6:25 PM 8/20/74.

Jim Adams advised me at 6:20 Pm, 8/20/74, that Mr. Kelley had just called him aftertalking to General Haig at The White House. General Haig advised that Vice President designate, Rockefeller, would not be available until Thursday for interview regarding background necessary for investigation. However, General Haig added there was no objection to commencing general background investigation immediately.

You advised Gene Coleman outgoing teletypes to the field ordering investigation could wait till the AM of 8/21/74.

For your information, I asked Adams if any specific time had been designated for Rockefeller's interview on Thursday. He said no, however, he would advise you when this information becomes available.

Ken

1 - Mr. Staffeld
1 - Mr. Coleman

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TO : The Director

DATE: 8/22/74

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STAFF CONFERENCE
AUGUST 21, 1974

Rockefeller, Nelson A.

You requested me to attend the Attorney General's Conference of 8/21/74.

The conference began at 4:39 PM in the Attorney General's Conference Room and the Attorney General advised that the President has instructed the Attorney General to report by 9/1/74, proposed procedures by which the President could grant amnesty to draft evaders and deserters from military service whose desertions were based on conscientious objection to participation in the Vietnam War. The Attorney General pointed out that there are approximately 4,500 draft evaders outside of the United States and some 1,500 residing within the country. The provisions for granting amnesty to these persons will be worked out by the Department of Justice and the provisions concerning the approximately 6,000 deserters will be worked out by the Department of Defense.

The Attorney General said that the crucial question is a policy matter and it concerns the means of implementing the President's intention to grant amnesty. The program could be administered through the existing Selective Service System offices or a separate agency could be created specifically for this purpose. The Attorney General pointed out that there will be difficult questions in regard to the responsibility for locating employment for those persons granted conditional amnesty and it will be difficult to insure that those promising to work in return

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Jenkins
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2 - Mr. Mintz

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for amnesty actually do so. The Attorney General made no assignments to the FBI in this regard and indicated that the work is being coordinated by the Office of Criminal Justice Policy in the Department and that any suggestions should be forwarded to that office.

The Attorney General then mentioned the investigation of the nomination of Governor Rockefeller for Vice President. He commented that it will be a monumental task for the FBI to complete a thorough investigation of this matter. He said that he is aware that certain matters will be difficult to resolve such as sealed court decrees involving the Governor's divorce. The Attorney General asked Assistant Attorney General Petersen of the Criminal Division whether the FBI would be authorized to have access to such sealed decrees. Mr. Petersen answered that in his opinion such information would not be available unless there was a waiver by the Governor and by all other persons who are protected by the sealing of the decree. The Attorney General made no further comment along these lines. He then asked the Deputy Attorney General to furnish his observations concerning the recent annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

Deputy Attorney General Silberman advised that a proposal was made at the Bar Association meeting for the creation of a new Federal agency to oversee grants and research supported by Federal funds but that the proposal was not approved by the membership. He also advised that he had recommended to the leadership of the American Bar Association that they take steps to encourage their membership and state and local bar associations to support increases in judicial salaries.

The Attorney General observed that without the needed increase in judicial salaries it is becoming very difficult to find qualified persons who are willing to accept appointments as judges.

The Attorney General advised that he recently discussed with the President a list of appointments being recommended by the Department of Justice and it was his understanding that all appointments recommended by the Department have been accepted by the White House and have been forwarded for confirmation. He noted that this is not

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true in the case of appointments recommended by other Departments.

The Attorney General asked for any comments by anyone else and then adjourned the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1120 AM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 22, 1974 VSH-2P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) ~~(P)~~

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

Mr. Coleman
Room 1246

ON THIS DATE [redacted] COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ADVISED COMMISSIONER MARIO A. PROCACCINO IS CURRENTLY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE OFFICE, TWO WORLD TRADE CITY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AT TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

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INVESTIGATION HAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT ALLEN W. BROWN, RETIRED BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALBANY IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN TANNERSVILLE, GREEN COUNTY, NEW YORK, WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER 518-589-5488.

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THAT REPUBLICAN NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN K. DANIEL HALEY IS PRESENTLY AT A REPUBLICAN FUND RAISING FUNCTION AT THE HARVARD CLUB IN NEW YORK CITY.

INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY, NEW YORK, DISCLOSED BENJAMIN R. SCHENCK, SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE, STATE OF NEW YORK, IS WORKING OUT OF HIS OFFICE, TWO WORLD TRADE CITY, ROOM 8288, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE NUMBER 212-488-4124.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) (161-6197) AND
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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) ~~(P)~~ (1P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO DATED AUGUST 21, 1974 AND WFO PHONE CALL TO NEW YORK DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

ON INSTANT DATE [redacted] NOMINEE'S SECRETARY, ADVISED THAT INFORMATION REGARDING RESIDENCES OF NOMINEE'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS BEING COMPILED BY [redacted] OF THE LAW FIRM OF MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY AND MC CLOY, 1 CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. [redacted] CAN BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AND WILL HAVE INFORMATION READY FOR BUREAU AGENT AT MID-MORNING ON AUGUST 23, 1974, AT HIS OFFICE.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), REVEALS THAT IN THE LABOR FIELD THE NOMINEE IS KNOWN BY MR. HARRY VAN ARSDALE, PRESIDENT, CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

NOMINEE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS LISTED AS 056-09-0954.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (2P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. SPIN. BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

ON AUGUST 22, 1974, CONGRESSMAN OTIS G. PIKE, DEMOCRAT, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS GRAVE DOUBTS CONCERNING NOMINEE'S GOVERNMENTAL MORALS DUE TO LARGE AMOUNTS AND SOURCES OF MONEY SPENT BY NOMINEE ON HIS NEW YORK GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN. PIKE ADVISED THE MONEY CAME FROM NOMINEE'S PERSONAL WEALTH, FROM MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND FROM CORPORATIONS CONTROLLED BY NOMINEE. PIKE BELIEVES MONEY FROM NOMINEE'S CORPORATIONS WAS FUNNELED IN A CAREFULLY CONCEALED MANNER TO HIS CAMPAIGN AND THAT THIS WAS ILLEGAL. PIKE BELIEVES NOMINEE WON THE ELECTIONS DUE TO THIS MASSIVE INFUSION OF MONEY.

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PIKE ADVISED THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM PERRY B. DURYEA, MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, WHO IS SPEAKER OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY. PIKE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION THROUGH A SECOND

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SOURCE WHO PIKE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY SAYING SOURCE COULD ADD NOTHING FURTHER. PIKE KNOWS NO SPECIFICS SUCH AS AMOUNTS OF MONEY INVOLVED OR CORPORATIONS INVOLVED BUT ADVISED DURYEA SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THESE DETAILS. PIKE SAID DURYEA HAS PERSONAL DISLIKE FOR NOMINEE AS HE HAS BEEN "SCREWED" BY HIM IN THE PAST. DURYEA IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT NOMINEE AND IS ALSO CLOSE FRIEND OF PIKE.

PIKE HAS MADE ABOVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

PIKE ADVISED DURYEA'S WIFE SENT TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT FORD RECENTLY SAYING NOMINEE IS "NOT FIT TO BE DOG CATCHER." PIKE DISCOUNTS THIS SAYING SHE HAS DRINKING PROBLEM AND WAS DRUNK AT THE TIME.

PIKE DOES NOT RECOMMEND NOMINEE, ADVISING HE HAS GONE ON PUBLIC RECORD SAYING NOMINEE IS "SECOND CHOICE TO ANYONE" FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW PERRY B. DURYEA.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SSPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

INVESTIGATION THIS DATE, NEW YORK STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT, 1450 WESTERN AVENUE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, REVEALED HARRY W. ALBRIGHT, JR., IS SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS, NEW YORK STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT, AND CAN BE REACHED AT THAT DEPARTMENT, 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE 488-2310. ALBRIGHT HAS HELD POSITION FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS.

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS DURING MOST OF THE TIME ROCKEFELLER WAS GOVERNOR WAS WILLIAM T. DENTZER, JR. DENTZER IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CENTRAL CERTIFICATE SERVICE, INC., 20TH FLOOR, 55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE 623-2892.

NEW YORK HANDLE ABOVE INTERVIEWS.

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4:35PM URGENT AUGUST 22, 1974 AMS

TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

BOSTON (161-2182)

FROM BUFFALO (161-394) 1P

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER.

SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, ET AL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

ON AUGUST 22, 1974, [redacted] ASSISTANT ERIE COUNTY NEW YORK EXECUTIVE ADVISED EDWARD V. REAGAN, ERIE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, IS CURRENTLY ON VACATION AT WAUWINET, NANTUCKET ISLAND, MASS., TELEPHONE NUMBER 617-228-1843, AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BUFFALO UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3, 1974.

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BOSTON. INTERVIEW EDWARD V. REAGAN IN REGARDS TO REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

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FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) ~~(P)~~

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28,1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL,AUGUST 21,1974.

ALBANY IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW U.S. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE STERRY R. WATERMAN, ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT.

ON AUGUST 22,1974, [redacted], CLERK, HARVARD CLUB, 27 W. 44TH ST., NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN K. DANIEL HALEY CHECKED OUT AT 10:00 AM, AUGUST 22,1974, DESTINATION UNKNOWN.

ON AUGUST 22,1974, SECRETARY OF CALVIN WILLIAMS, BKLYN., NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAMS CAN BE REACHED AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ON AUGUST 23,1974, AFTER 10:30 AM.

WILLIAMS IS AN ASSEMBLYMAN FROM BROOKLYN IN THE NEW YORK ASSEMBLY.

ROBERT F. KELLY, ATTORNEY, MEMBER 1971 NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY,

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FORMER LAW OFFICES 516 BAYRIDGE PKWY., BKLYN., NEW YORK,
PRESENTLY COMMISSIONER, NEW YORK STATE CABLE COMMISSION,
ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ALBANY CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

INTERVIEW WILLIAM J. DROHAN, ROUTE 22, SALEM, NEW YORK.
DROHAN WAS APPOINTED BY ROCKERFELLER TO RUN THE NEW YORK
STATE PAVILLION AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR.

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FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 2P P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

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RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974, AND NEW YORK TEL CALL TO NEW HAVEN, AUGUST 22, 1974.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE. SUBMIT SIX COPIES OF REPORT TO BUREAU.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

THIS CONFIRMS RE TEL CALL TO INTERVIEW JUDGE J. EDWARD LOMBARD, USCA, SECOND CIRCUIT, RE NOMINEE. NEW

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HAVEN ALSO CONTACT JUDGE WALTER R. MANSFIELD, USCA, RESIDENCE 202 DAN'S HIGHWAY, NEW CANNAN, CONN., TELEPHONE 203-WO6-1069; JUDGE LEONARD P. MOORE, USCA, MYSTIC, CONN., TELEPHONE 203-536-8482; JUDGE WILLIAM H. TIMBERS, USCA, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.; JUDGE JOSEPH J. SMITH, USCA, HARTFORD, CONN.; JUDGE ROBERT P. ANDERSON, USCA, MYSTIC, CONN.

ALBANY AT BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, CONTACT JUDGE JAMES L. OAKES, USCA.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197

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FROM: BUFFALO (161-394) ~~(P)~~

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN

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RE BUREAU TEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD AND OTHER OFFICES, COPY TO OMAHA, AUG. 21, 1974.

CANON [redacted] EPISCOPAL DIOCESES OF WESTERN NEW YORK, BUFFALO, ADVISED THAT [redacted] DUBUQUE, IOWA 52001 IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF ROCKEFELLER AND A FORMER CLASSMATE OF ROCKEFELLER AT DARTMOUTH.

OMAHA AT DUBUQUE IOWA. INTERVIEW [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR 161-6197

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SAN DIEGO
FROM NEW YORK 161-2961 2P
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 2679, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW [redacted] SPECIAL ADVISOR ON ATOMIC ENERGY TO GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IN 1959.

[redacted] PRESENTLY VACATIONING AT RANCHO, SANTA FE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

BOSTON INTERVIEW [redacted] COUNSEL TO

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ROCKEFELLER IN 1959. [redacted] PRESENTLY VACATIONING AT

SAKONNET POINT, LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND, TELEPHONE

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TO SAC BOSTON (161-2182)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTEL AUGUST 21, 1974.

INTERVIEW ELLIS O. BRIGGS, FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR, WHO IS LISTED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF WHO'S WHO AS RESIDING HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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AUGUST 22, 1974

TO SAC, DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL

THIS CONFIRMS BUCALL TODAY INSTRUCTING THAT DALLAS REVIEW ITS FILE 60-297 AS WELL AS ANY OTHER FILE REFERENCES AND PREPARE A REPORT CONCERNING [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] WHO HAS CORRESPONDED WITH DALLAS AND THE BUREAU OVER MANY YEARS REGARDING ALLEGED CORRUPTION AND WRONGDOINGS ON THE PART OF NUMEROUS PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS WELL AS HIS CRITICISM OF THE "ROCKEFELLER EMPIRE."

IN VIEW OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT RESULTS OF YOUR REVIEW REACH THE BUREAU IN REPORT FORM WITH SIX COPIES ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE DEADLINE. NO DELAY WHATSOEVER WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, WFO (161-5674)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-695) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, ITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

[redacted] ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO U.S. CONGRESSMAN CARLETON J. KING, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, ADVISED TODAY THAT KING CAN BE CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE IN THE RAYBURN BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C., PHONE 202-225-5615.

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ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT CONGRESSMAN SAMUEL STRATTON REVEALED THAT HE CAN BE REACHED AT AREA CODE 202, 225-5076, RAYBURN BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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TO SAC NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

THIS CONFIRMS BUCALL TODAY INSTRUCTING THAT COMMENTS OF ROCKEFELLER'S FORMER WIFE SHOULD BE OBTAINED DURING INVESTIGATION.

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TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

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REFERENCES:

Albany report of SA [redacted] dated 11/31/74.

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PENDING PROSECUTION ☐ YES ☐ NO

APPROVED [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: ALBANY b6 b7C
Date: 11/22/74

Field Office File #: 161-965 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records of CSEA, Albany, New York, searched with negative results in effort to locate minutes of meeting held by CSEA with NYSP, Albany, New York, on 10/21/63. [redacted] CSEA, advised he attended all CSEA-NYSP meetings during pertinent period and advised verbatim transcripts of such meetings were not maintained. [redacted] stated unable to recall any comment at meetings that NYSP personnel were engaged in spying activities on NYS legislators.

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DETAILS:

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

On November 22, 1974, [redacted] Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Albany, New York, advised that a diligent search of all records pertaining to meetings held by CSEA with New York State Police (NYSP), Albany, New York, failed to disclose minutes of a meeting held on October 21, 1963. [redacted] advised that an index is maintained on minutes filed in the Closed Exhibits Section and these indices were negative regarding any meeting held on October 21, 1963. [redacted] advised that the file search revealed records were maintained only from 1969 to the present.

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[redacted] stated that he had personally attended all CSEA-NYSP meetings during the pertinent period and recalled that the purpose in those days was to promulgate rules for promotions within the NYSP. He said that verbatim transcripts of the meetings were not maintained and only summaries of pertinent information were prepared. He advised that no comments were ever made in his presence that NYSP personnel were engaged in spying activities on New York State legislators. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [redacted] Office: PORTLAND

Date: AUGUST 22, 1974

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Synopsis: On March 27, 1969, Governor Thomas Lawson MC CALL of Oregon recommended Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER without reservation. On August 21, 1974, Governor MC CALL expressed his enthusiastic support for and strong recommendation on behalf of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States of America.

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DETAILS:

On March 27, 1969, Governor THOMAS LAWSON MC CALL, State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon, advised he has known Governor NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1964, and has worked with him on several committees, both at national governors' conferences and at Republican governors' meetings. He supported Governor ROCKEFELLER vigorously for President, both in 1968 and 1964, and from his association with Governor ROCKEFELLER, which has been principally political, he knows nothing unfavorable as to character, associates or loyalty, and would recommend Governor ROCKEFELLER without reservation for any Presidential appointment for which he is qualified.

On August 21, 1974, Governor MC CALL was interviewed at his office located at the State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon. At the outset, Governor MC CALL stated he enthusiastically supports the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He added his association with

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the nominee dates to 1964 with his most recent meetings being the visits of ROCKEFELLER to the State of Oregon on June 4, 1973, and March 1, 1974. Governor MC CALL reaffirmed his previous statements, in an interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, March 27, 1969, and said he has no knowledge of any unfavorable information concerning ROCKEFELLER's associations, character or loyalty. The Governor stated he could personally attest to the nominee's sobriety and moral integrity. He further added he is not aware of any property or business interests, campaign practices or funding, which would be a source of embarrassment to the nominee or the Government.

Governor MC CALL concluded by stating he considers the former New York Governor an excellent nomination in that he will provide an able and strong Vice Presidency for the American people. He recommended, without qualification or hesitation, NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. W. R. Cleveland
1 - Mr. O. E. Coleman
1 - Mr. H. A. Boynton, Jr.
1 - Mr. R. H. Haynes

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : Mr. H. A. Boynton, Jr.

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
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At 5:15 p.m. 8/21/74 Supervisor Robert H. Haynes telephonically contacted the office of General Alexander M. Haig, Special Assistant to the President, and spoke to General Haig's secretary [redacted] Haynes explained to [redacted] that the Bureau is most anxious to interview Rockefeller as early as possible in order to secure background data which would assist in our Special Inquiry Investigation and that it was our understanding that Rockefeller might be available on Thursday, 8/22/74. [redacted] stated that General Haig was tied up at that time but stated she would check with him and call back. b6 b7C

[redacted] returned the call a short time later. She stated it was General Haig's understanding that Rockefeller would be in Washington "some time" Thursday, 8/22/74, but that his schedule included a number of pressing demands and General Haig was not sure that he would be available to the FBI on that date. General Haig estimated that Rockefeller would not be available for FBI interview before the early part of next week. General Haig is aware that delay in the FBI interview of Rockefeller will cause a delay in the prompt completion of the Special Inquiry Investigation.

At 9:30 a.m. today, General Haig's office contacted SA George Saunders, the WFO Agent assigned to the White House, and advised arrangements are underway for an interview of Rockefeller today, either on Capitol Hill around noon or at Rockefeller's Foxhall Road residence at about 5:45 p.m.

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For information.

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Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller
Vice President Designate
Special Inquiry

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Interview of Rockefeller has now been set for 5:45 p.m. at his Foxhall Road home.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-22-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

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Rockefeller's first wife, the former Mary Todhunter Clark, is being interviewed in connection with this investigation. They were married in 1930 and she was granted a divorce from him on 3-16-62 on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Five children were born of that marriage. Rockefeller married the former Margaretta (Happy) Fitler Murphy in May, 1963, and they have two children. His divorce and subsequent marriage received wide publicity.

During a Special Inquiry conducted concerning Rockefeller in 1969 for The White House, his divorce was verified; however, the transcript of the testimony in that matter was sealed.

The present Mrs. Rockefeller divorced Dr. James Slater Murphy, to whom she had been married for 14 years, shortly before her marriage to Rockefeller. The Murphys and Rockefellers were neighbors in Pocantico Hills, New York, and the Murphys also had a summer home at Seal Harbor, Maine, where the Rockefellers have their summer homes. The Murphys had four children and they were later involved in a bitter custody battle which, according to the press, was won by Dr. Murphy, with Mrs. Rockefeller being granted visitation rights.

In the absence of information which may be received from the first Mrs. Rockefeller or others to indicate an interview with the present Mrs. Rockefeller's former husband, Dr. James Slater Murphy, would be advisable, we do not contemplate interviewing him during this investigation. It is noted that in Special Inquiries we do not normally interview the former husband of the present wife of an individual under investigation.

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1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Cleveland
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TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: August 22, 1974

FROM : R. E. Long

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Walsh

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
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By memorandum dated 8/21/74, O. E. Coleman to Mr. Cleveland, it was stated that the Accounting and Fraud Section of the General Investigative Division will be assisting in the assignment of personnel to handle the financial aspects of this investigation, similar to the manner in which the investigation of President Gerald R. Ford was handled.

The General Investigative Division (GID) has been working closely with the Special Investigative Division, as well as the Administrative Division, concerning coordinating personnel to handle the financial investigation. It is, therefore, recommended that the following individuals be assigned to this financial investigation in the capacity of coordinators:

SAA Joseph E. Henehan, Inspection Division (in charge) - SAA Henehan is a CPA and is very knowledgeable in financial matters

SAA [redacted] GID (assistant to SAA Henehan) - SAA [redacted] is a CPA and is also very knowledgeable in financial matters

SAA [redacted] New York City - former IRS Agent and very knowledgeable in taxation matters

SAA [redacted] Houston Division - SAA [redacted] is a CPA and lawyer, and very knowledgeable in financial and taxation matters

SAA [redacted] presently assigned to Minneapolis, assisted in the President Ford investigation and can be used in New York for investigative purposes. He was formerly assigned to the New York Division.

SAA Robert P. Keehan, GID, on special assignment, will be in New York briefing the necessary individuals as SAA Keehan was in charge of the financial accounting investigation concerning President Ford in the past.

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RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

All the above individuals have been alerted and will be notified at the appropriate time to commence the investigation.

ACTION | It is, therefore, recommended that the above individuals be placed on necessary special assignment to coordinate the financial investigation.

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* ASAC [redacted] have conversation with ASAC Enlow, Minneapolis 8/7/74, Houston, were instructed to have [redacted] possibly to start working a.m. 8/8, asap, preferably to start working a.m. 8/8, and to advise Supervisor Joseph E. Henehan, report to Mr. O x 294 in Mr. O's, of travel plans and arrival times and he will arrange transportation from airport to office. At noon 8/7/74 Henehan was advised of above. He says duration of special uncertain but will be at least a week.

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Mr. Coleman
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RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 23, 1974.

MRS. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, HONOLULU, MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB) WITH NOMINEE, FAVORABLY RECOMMENDS NOMINEE AND DESCRIBES NOMINEE AS BEING A PERSON OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY, AN EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR AND LOYAL AMERICAN OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

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FOR INFORMATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, THE BUREAU ADVISED BY IMMEDIATE TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974, THAT THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUB-HEADINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE, AS IS DONE IN JUDGE'S CASES. SUBMIT SIX COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS NOMINTEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS MUST BE

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DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

ON AUGUST 23, 1974, [redacted] EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO JAMES D. GRIFFIN, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT GRIFFIN HAD DEPARTED BUFFALO, NEW YORK, BY A PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILE AT 5:00 AM, INSTANT, AND EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, EARLY AFTERNOON, INSTANT. GRIFFIN IS IN SOUTH BEND, INDIANA TO ATTEND INTERSTATE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (ILC) AND WILL TELEPHONE [redacted] UPON ARRIVAL SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AS TO HOTEL WHERE HE WILL BE

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RESIDING AND TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED.

INDIANAPOLIS AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE, THROUGH LOCAL LEGISLATORS, LOCATION OF ILC AND INTERVIEW GRIFFIN RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

BUFFALO WILL FOLLOW WITH NAME OF HOTEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER WHEN AVAILABLE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) ~~(P)~~

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Mr. Coleman
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INVESTIGATION THIS DATE REFERS TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLE DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1967, WHEREIN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FINANCING WAS BEING INVESTIGATED BY MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK HOGAN'S OFFICE. THE GOVERNOR WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SPENT A RECORD FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN HIS SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN FOR A THIRD TERM LAST YEAR AGAINST HIS DEMOCRAT OPPONENT FRANK O'CONNOR. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALFRED SCOTTI SAID THAT THINGS WERE BROUGHT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ATTENTION BY STATE SENATOR MANFRED OHRNSTEGE, A DEMOCRAT FROM MANHATTAN, AND SENATOR JACK BRONSTON, QUEENS, NY, WHEREIN THEY

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CHARGED THAT 2.5 MILLION CAME FROM THE GOVERNOR'S CLUB AND THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE AGAINST THE LAW. BRONSTON'S AND OHRNSTEIN'S INFORMATION WAS GATHERED FROM A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REPORT MADE SHORTLY AFTER ELECTION DAY TO THE THEN SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN P. LOMENZO. ALBANY VERIFIED THAT EXPENSE REPORTS WERE FILED IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, ALBANY, NEW YORK, AND THAT THE ELECTION LAW DID NOT REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO CHECK THE FINANCING OR SPENDING. THE RECORDS REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S THIRD TERM CAMPAIGN HAVE ALL BEEN DESTROYED. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN J. GHEZZI ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT AS OF JUNE 1, 1974, THERE HAS BEEN A LIMITATION PLACED ON CAMPAIGNS OF CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR WHICH CANNOT EXCEED $4,600,000. HE STATED THAT PRESENT EXPENSE REPORTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. HE ADVISED RECORDS ARE ONLY MAINTAINED NOW FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER, UNDER PRIOR TIMES IT WAS FOR ONLY A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

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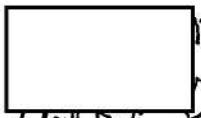
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NOT THERE ~~IS~~ WAS ANY BASIS FOR A GRAND JURY PRESENTATION REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN SPENDING FOR HIS THIRD TERM. IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, INTERVIEW BRONSTON AND OHRNSTEIN RE KNOWLEDGE THEY MAY HAVE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

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Some individuals contacted during the current inquiries were interviewed telephonically at their own request due to other commitments on their part which precluded personal contact by Agent personnel within the period not exceeding Buded.

Secret Service has been advised locally and FD-376 with LHM attached has been sent to the Bureau for disseminating to Secret Service Headquarters regarding statement by [redacted] concerning the thought he had 12 years ago re the shooting of former Governor ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

Several individuals are unavailable for interview due to extended vacations and business commitments. Their contemplated return will be after Labor Day. No leads are being set forth to interview these persons UACB.

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AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

1. Will vigorously pursue all outstanding leads and expedite contact with those individuals who have previously been unavailable for interview.

2. Will handle on an expedite-immediate basis any and all additional leads developed as a result of interviews conducted.

3. Will submit next report to reach Bureau by COB, Wednesday, 8/28/74.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: ALBANY b6 b7C
Date: August 25, 1974

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character:
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:
Numerous individuals including state and local legislators, Federal, state and local judges, Federal, state and local officials, religious, business and union leaders, news media representatives, law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders, minority representatives and state and local officials of both major political parties were interviewed concerning NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. Those who know him well commented favorably concerning his loyalty, character and ability, and highly recommend him. Others who know him professionally and by reputation also commented favorably and recommended. Employment as Governor, State of New York, from 1/1/59 to 12/18/73, verified. He was variously described as capable, aggressive, energetic, forceful, competent, of sound business acumen and one who has the ability to select highly qualified assistants. It was stated he is law and order oriented and the best Governor New York State ever had. [redacted] would not recommend [redacted] feels ROCKEFELLER was a self-serving Governor. [redacted] said it was alleged ROCKEFELLER arranged for land grants at low prices for Adirondack Preserve for friends. [redacted] questioned regarding articles [redacted] appearing in county weekly newspaper alleging malfeasance on ROCKEFELLER'S part while Governor of New York. Interviews concerning these allegations set forth as well as information b6 b7C b7D

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concerning [redacted] One religious leader would not recommend b6 b7C based on ROCKEFELLER'S pro-abortion stand. Arrest checks for ROCKEFELLER, wife and [redacted] negative. Information concerning law regarding political contributions set forth. Results of newspaper morgue check set forth with accompanying articles.

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DETAILS:

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was the subject of an inquiry conducted at the request of The White House in 1969. Results of that inquiry have been incorporated into this report.

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BACKGROUND

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Rocky briefly

A chronology of Nelson A. Rockefeller's life and public career:

July 8, 1908—Born in Bar Harbor, Maine, the third of six children of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller.

June 1926 - Graduated from Lincoln School, New York City.

1930 - Graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College with a degree in economics. Married Mary Todhunter Clark.

1940—First appointment in federal government. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt named Rockefeller co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

1944-45 - Assistant Secretary of State for American Republican Affairs.

1950 - Appointed chairman of the International Development Advisory Board by President Truman.

1952-59 - Chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization under President Eisenhower. His efforts led to creation of U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare where he briefly served as undersecretary.

1954 - Special assistant to the President for foreign affairs.

1956-59 - Headed two studies of New York State's constitution authorized by the Legislature.

November 1958 - Won election to his first of four terms as New York's governor by defeating incumbent Democratic Governor W. Averell Harriman.

March 1962 - Divorced Mary Todhunter Clark after 32 years of marriage and five children.

November 1962 - Won a second four-year term as governor by defeating U.S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

1963 - Married for the second time to the former Margaretta Fitler Murphy They have two sons, Nelson Jr. and Mark.

1965-69 - While still governor, served as a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations by appointment from President Johnson.

November 1966 - Won election to a third four-year term by defeating Queens County District Attorney Frank D. O'Connor.

1969 - Appointed by President Nixon to National Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. At Nixon's request, he undertook a fact finding trip to Latin America.

November 1970 - Won a fourth term as governor by defeating former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg.

Dec. 18, 1973 - Announced he would resign as governor to devote fulltime to his self-created National Commission on Critical Choices.

Aug. 20, 1974 - Chosen as vice president by President Ford. Must be confirmed by majority vote of both houses of Congress.

BACKGROUND

A chronological brief outline of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER'S background appeared in the August 21, 1974 edition of the "Times Union" newspaper, published daily at Albany, New York. This article, which appears on this page, is set forth for information and assistance to guide the reader in a fuller comprehension of interviews contained hereinafter.

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II

CLOSE RELATIVE

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974.

Chief of Police ROBERT VAN NESS, Middlebury, Vermont, advised that the [redacted] is [redacted] and [redacted] has resided at [redacted] Vermont, for the past two or three years. Chief VAN NESS advised [redacted] enjoys an excellent reputation in the community.

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EMPLOYMENT

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] Secretary to the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, advised that her records reveal that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was first sworn into the Office of Governor of New York State on January 1, 1959 and was subsequently sworn into this same office on the following dates: b6 b7C

January 1, 1963; December 30, 1966; and December 31, 1970.

[redacted] stated that ROCKEFELLER'S letter of resignation as Governor was dated December 18, 1973 and was accepted by Secretary of State JOHN J. GHEZZI on that same date. b6 b7C

IV

STATE OFFICIALS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

THOMAS P. SALMON, Governor of the State of Vermont, advised that he has known the nominee on a professional basis for the past four years and that he considers the nominee to be of excellent character, loyalty and reputation and an administrator of the highest caliber and the nominee would be recommended by him for any position of high trust. Governor SALMON stated that the only member of the nominee's family that he has had contact with is a [redacted] who maintains a summer residence in [redacted] Vermont. He further advised that he knows of no derogatory information regarding either the nominee or any members of the family. He further stated that his professional contacts with the nominee have been in connection with his official business and were limited to approximately six meetings. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

[redacted] Albany, New York, advised he knew the nominee during the fifteen years he served as Governor of New York. He stated he served under him as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that nominee is one of the most outstanding human beings he has ever known and believes him to be one of the most capable leaders he has known. He advised that nominee possesses unusual ability and aggressiveness which make him an outstanding leader.

[redacted] stated ROCKEFELLER is certainly a very loyal American and dedicated to the cause of keeping this a great Nation.

[redacted] said he knows of no one whom he feels would make a better Vice-President than Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and feels he will be most outstanding through his knowledge and abilities to conduct the duties of this office. He stated he knows nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the nominee.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

Major General JOHN C. BAKER, Chief of Staff to the Governor of New York for Military and Naval Affairs, Albany, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally since 1959. He stated ROCKEFELLER'S character is exemplary, his loyalty to the United States is above reproach and he is one of the nation's greatest administrators. He stated ROCKEFELLER is a dynamic individual who has excellent leadership qualities and is of outstanding moral character. He stated he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and knows of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER or his family.

NEIL KELLEHER, Assemblyman and Acting Speaker of the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker, Troy, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER in a professional capacity for over eight years and personally for the last four years. He stated ROCKEFELLER is of outstanding character and reputation, and his loyalty is considered unquestionable. He knows of no associations that the nominee belongs to other than professional and political organizations, none of which could be a potential source of embarrassment. He stated that the former Governor of New York is considered a great administrator who has the ability to seek skilled individuals for high positions in Government. He does not have any personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER'S family and knows of no derogatory information pertaining to ROCKEFELLER or his family, and stated he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President. KELLEHER, a member of the Republican Party, further stated that he and the former Governor have publicly disagreed on political issues; however, he still considers him to be a very brilliant individual.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

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to Governor MALCOLM WILSON, Albany, New York, stated that since 1958, he has served as [redacted] to the Lieutenant Governor, State of New York, until the present Governor succeeded Mr ROCKEFELLER as Governor. [redacted] stated that he had no personal contact with the nominee but that he had knowledge of the nominee through his working with the Lieutenant Governor.

[redacted] stated he has no knowledge of any information that would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's character, reputation or morals. He stated that he has never heard anything but favorable information regarding the nominee.

[redacted] stated that he feels the choice of the nominee for Vice-President is an excellent one and that he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER very highly for this position.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

LOUIS J. LEFKOWITZ, Attorney General, State of New York, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally, personally, and socially, since 1956. LEFKOWITZ described ROCKEFELLER as being an honest, straightforward, and compassionate person. LEFKOWITZ further stated that ROCKEFELLER understands the needs of the people and is a very down-to-earth individual.

LEFKOWITZ described ROCKEFELLER as a person who is trustworthy and possesses an outstanding moral character and reputation. He stated ROCKEFELLER is a highly skilled and qualified administrator, who has the ability to attract talented and competent individuals into governmental work. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and stated that President GERALD FORD, by nominating ROCKEFELLER for Vice President, did the best thing he could have done for the American people and the world. LEFKOWITZ knows of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], New York State Department of Commerce, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on both a professional and personal basis for some 16 years. He stated that ROCKEFELLER'S character and loyalty to the United States are beyond reproach. He advised that he would consider ROCKEFELLER'S administrative ability to be the best in the country at this time. [redacted] advised that he knows ROCKEFELLER'S wife, brothers, and children, and he considers them all to be excellent people. [redacted] concluded that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER'S background and said he would recommend him highly for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ALBERT BERKOWITZ, Attorney, 43 Main Street, Grandville, New York, who is Chairman of the New York State Correction Commission, was contacted. Mr. BERKOWITZ served as a New York State Senator from 1957 until 1964 in Albany, New York and has had a close professional and social acquaintance with ROCKEFELLER. He has visited the ROCKEFELLER home at Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown, New York on several occasions. He feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's selection as the Vice Presidential nominee is excellent and he knows ROCKEFELLER to be a premier executive and administrator. He has devoted his adult life to the peoples' welfare and to Government service and has exhibited the highest integrity. ROCKEFELLER's moral character, loyalty to the United States and caliber of his associates are above reproach.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

ERSA H. POSTON, President of the New York State Civil Service Commission, Albany, New York, advised that she has worked for NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1963. She first served as a confidential assistant to him in his own office in New York City, and was also a professional programmer during the same period of time. Her area of work was with youth and anti-poverty programs during which time she worked very closely with him. She came to Albany, New York, in 1967, when he appointed her to her present cabinet position. She was the only black woman appointed to a major cabinet position in New York State at that time. Because of her appointment, ROCKEFELLER received a great deal of criticism which did not seem to affect him in any way whatsoever. She described him as broad-minded, fair with people and "a man with a heart." He is an extremely hardworking and harddriving individual and expects those around him to perform in the same manner. He is extremely energetic and she doubts that many young people could follow his daily routine in the same efficient manner. His loyalty to the United States speaks for itself because of his long history of public service, and his integrity and honesty are also a matter of public record. She knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and feels that he is highly qualified to be the Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

EWALD B. NYQUIST, Commissioner of Education for the State of New York, and President of the State University of the State of New York, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for the last five years and on a personal basis for over ten years. He stated that ROCKEFELLER's character is exemplary and above reproach and should be a model for all politicians. He advised that ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States is complete and total, and he is a dedicated public servant. Concerning ROCKEFELLER's administrative abilities, NYQUIST advised that ROCKEFELLER is most certainly a qualified man, and in particular, a leader of men. He stated that ROCKEFELLER's greatest asset is that he gets the job done. As far as personal qualities, NYQUIST added that ROCKEFELLER easily greets and receives people, is outgoing and friendly, candid and honest, and in general a good human being. NYQUIST explained that he has met most of ROCKEFELLER's family in the past and feels that they also are good solid citizens. NYQUIST stated that he knows of no derogatory information in ROCKEFELLER's background and he would positively recommend ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States as he feels that he is the best qualified. Commissioner NYQUIST concluded that he is the Commissioner of Education for the State of New York, not as a result of appointment by ROCKEFELLER, but as a result of an appointment received from the Board of Regents and his recommendations should not be considered biased.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

Doctor HOLLIS S. INGRAHAM, M.D., Commissioner of Health for New York State, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959. Dr. INGRAHAM was appointed to his present position by ROCKEFELLER in December of 1962. His association with ROCKEFELLER has been strictly professional with the exception of staying at ROCKEFELLER's residences in New York and Washington, D.C. on two or three occasions. Dr. INGRAHAM advised that in his capacity, he dealt with ROCKEFELLER on a fairly regular basis concerning water pollution programs and areas relating to hospitals, such as inspections, rate structures, number built and the lending of money to different hospitals. Dr. INGRAHAM described ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability as superb. He stated that on the whole ROCKEFELLER chose good people for his appointments and staff. He delegated responsibility but he was also aware of what was happening in each State Department through his administrative control known as "programmed associates". Dr. INGRAHAM stated that this involved a group of young vigorous men, who would maintain close contacts with various New York State departments and would obtain information and reports both good and bad from these departments and forward them to the Governor's secretary who would channel them to the Governor. Dr. INGRAHAM found ROCKEFELLER to be a very fair person who was a good listener and would discuss an issue thoroughly prior to making a decision. He stated ROCKEFELLER had a remarkably retentive memory and could explain complicated programs in simple terms. Dr. INGRAHAM did state that ROCKEFELLER very strongly disagreed with people or proposals on a few occasions. Dr. INGRAHAM stated that he traveled with ROCKEFELLER during ROCKEFELLER's town meetings whereby various officials and citizens of New York could meet with ROCKEFELLER while he was Governor and discuss any issue relating to the operation of New York State. Dr. INGRAHAM stated that he found ROCKEFELLER to be accessible if he needed to speak with ROCKEFELLER on any issue. Dr. INGRAHAM stated that ROCKEFELLER is a "100% American,"whose life was bound up in trying to do

something for New York State and the United States. He stated that ROCKEFELLER appears to be a perfectly honest, and straightforward man. He stated that he has no knowledge of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. Dr. INGRAHAM advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER's second wife on a number of occasions and he described her as a very pleasant woman. Dr. INGRAHAM highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and does not believe that anyone could do a better job.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

Doctor ALAN D. MILLER, Commissioner, New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, Albany, New York, advised he has been employed with this department since July, 1964, and has been its Commissioner since February, 1966. He stated he has had close contacts with ROCKEFELLER since that time and found him to be a person with exemplary leadership qualities and integrity. He advised that the nominee gave him a free hand in the operations of the Department of Mental Hygiene, and always came to his assistance whenever Doctor MILLER needed a major policy decision. He stated that nominee never required Doctor MILLER to make a professional decision based upon partisan, political considerations.

Doctor MILLER further described the nominee as a man with excellent character, loyalty, and associates, about whom he knows nothing derogatory. He highly recommends the nominee for a high administrative position with the United States Government.

Doctor MILLER stated further he has met nominee's wife on numerous occasions socially, and found her always to be a "lovely lady."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

ROBERT E. DOYLE, 1038 Brierwood Boulevard, Schenectady, New York, a registered Republican, advised that he is a commissioner and member of the Board of Directors, New York State Liquor Authority with headquarters in New York City. DOYLE advised that he has been personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1959, at which time ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the State Liquor Authority. DOYLE stated that ROCKEFELLER is eminently qualified to assume the duties of Vice President, as he has a tremendous background on a State, National, and International level during which time he has more than ably demonstrated his executive administrative ability in solving complex governmental problems

DOYLE advised that ROCKEFELLER is a hardworking administrator, whose character, morals, reputation, and loyalty to this country are beyond reproach. He characterized ROCKEFELLER as an easy conversationalist, who speaks out in a candid, forthright manner and makes decisions after careful study and deliberation. DOYLE stated he feels that ROCKEFELLER will be a definite asset to the President and recommended him without reservation for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974.

G. COLLINS LYDEN, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Division of Public Information, New York State Department of Commerce, 845 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1959, when he (LYDEN) was Vice President of the Broome County Republican Club. He stated that since that time he has worked in the capacity of Advance Man for NELSON ROCKEFELLER's campaigns. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a loyal American citizen, who is devoted to public service. He considers his moral character and integrity to be beyond reproach. LYDEN continued that ROCKEFELLER's 15 years of experience as Governor of New York can only help him in the position of Vice President of the United States. LYDEN concluded that he would strongly recommend without reservation NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and at no time since 1959 has he encountered anything derogatory regarding ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ABE LAVINE, Commissioner of Social Services, State of New York, advised he has held this position for the past two years having been appointed to this position by former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

LAVINE advised that prior to being appointed Commissioner, he was appointed in 1969 to the position of being ROCKEFELLER'S liaison man with the various State employees unions.

He stated that ROCKEFELLER enjoys an excellent reputation with the leaders of the various unions and that ROCKEFELLER has a deep insight into the various labor problems.

He added that ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding administrator and has terrific leadership qualities.

He stated that he knows of nothing which can reflect unfavorably upon ROCKEFELLER.

He added that he has no information regarding the cause of the divorce between ROCKEFELLER and his first wife and has no knowledge of the varied financial interests of ROCKEFELLER's.

He considers ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding choice for Vice President.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN J. GHEZZI, Acting Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, advised that he has been closely associated with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for approximately fifteen years. GHEZZI stated that ROCKEFELLER is an individual of outstanding character and he considers him to be a loyal American citizen whose honesty and integrity are above reproach. GHEZZI advised that he has a great amount of respect and admiration for ROCKEFELLER, and feels that ROCKEFELLER is an excellent administrator who has the ability to attract outstanding individuals for government service. He described ROCKEFELLER as being "born to be a leader".

GHEZZI stated that he has never heard any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. He noted that ROCKEFELLER insisted on excellent performance by individuals in his administration and would not tolerate any misconduct by these individuals. GHEZZI advised that he was the area director for ROCKEFELLER's re-election campaign for New York State Governor in 1966 and he indicated that this campaign was operated in a meticulous fashion and it met all legal requirements.

GHEZZI stated that ROCKEFELLER's associates are all of high caliber and reputation and, like ROCKEFELLER, they are all above reproach. GHEZZI advised that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings and he was unable to comment on ROCKEFELLER's personal affairs due to his lack of personal contact with ROCKEFELLER. GHEZZI stated that in his opinion, there is "no one quite like ROCKEFELLER", and he indicated that ROCKEFELLER is by far the best candidate in the country for the office of Vice President of the United States. GHEZZI advised that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for this office.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

RAYMOND THOMAS SCHULER, Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER on a professional and personal basis for approximately ten years. SCHULER described ROCKEFELLER as being honest, dedicated, and of excellent character. SCHULER further advised that ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty is beyond reproach and that he is an unique individual in that his finest personal quality is his concern for the people of the United States and of the world. SCHULER stated that ROCKEFELLER is the best qualified individual for the position of Vice President and he recommended him without reservation. SCHULER could think of absolutely no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

ALBERT M. DANZIG, Deputy Commissioner, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a political-professional basis for approximately seventeen years. DANZIG stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER a personable, articulate, energetic, and hardworking administrator. DANZIG indicated that ROCKEFELLER had a tremendous capacity for carrying out his responsibilities as New York State Governor, and he considers him to be an excellent administrator.

DANZIG advised that ROCKEFELLER is of outstanding character, and loyalty, and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning him or his former administration. DANZIG advised that ROCKEFELLER's associates, to his knowledge, are all of excellent character and reputation. DANZIG noted that ROCKEFELLER has always demanded perfection in his staff and his administration and he is highly regarded by those individuals who have had the opportunity of working with him. DANZIG stated that he personally feels that ROCKEFELLER is highly qualified to fill the office of Vice President of the United States and he recommended him for the Vice Presidency.

AL 161-695

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

JOSEPH H. MURPHY, former New York State Tax Commissioner, and Commissioner of Taxation and Finance in NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S cabinet from 1959 to 1969, advised that he is extremely well acquainted with ROCKEFELLER both on a professional and social basis. MURPHY advised that he is also a member of the following organizations:

New York State Housing Finance Agency - member from 1960 to 1969; 1969 Chairman of the Board.

Chairman of the New York State Municipal Bond Bank Agency from 1972 to present.

Chairman of the New York State Medical Care Facility and Finance Agency from 1973 to present.

Member of the Advisory Board of New York State Office for Local Affairs; made Chairman in 1969.

Member of the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment from 1959 to present.

All these positions were appointments by former Governor ROCKEFELLER.

MURPHY stated "NELSON is the finest man I have ever known and have ever worked for". He advised that he has made many favorable observations in behalf of ROCKEFELLER regarding his character, integrity and reputation. He advised that ROCKEFELLER possesses the qualities and experience which will be an asset to the FORD Administration. MURPHY advised that ROCKEFELLER has the ability to work with all groups of people, including minorities, and seems to generate rapport with these groups. He advised that ROCKEFELLER will be a valuable asset to the FORD Administration and highly recommended him for the position to which he has been nominated without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

NORMAN F. GALLMAN, retired Commissioner, Department of Taxation and Finance, who currently resides at Schroon Lake, New York, advised that he has been associated with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for approximately 16 years. GALLMAN indicated that he was Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance for 10 years and Commissioner of the Department of Taxation and Finance for 4 years prior to his retirement from this position in 1973. GALLMAN advised that he personally considers ROCKEFELLER a very honest individual of outstanding character and integrity. GALLMAN stated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER had a tremendous grasp of state government and a tremendous capacity for absorbing and retaining facts which made him an outstanding administrator. GALLMAN advised that ROCKEFELLER constantly insisted on outstanding performance **from his staff members and to his** knowledge ROCKEFELLER's personal associates **are** all of high caliber and character.

GALLMAN stated that in his position as Commissioner, he was aware that ROCKEFELLER filed his personal state income tax returns on time and they were always prepared in a comprehensive manner. GALLMAN further stated that at no time did ROCKEFELLER ever request any personal favors concerning his payment of taxes or that of his associates and at no time did he ever attempt to influence or interfere in any tax matters. GALLMAN advised that ROCKEFELLER's tax returns were routinely audited by his department and nothing of a questionable nature was ever discovered. GALLMAN stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER a loyal American and he [redacted] **recommended him for the office of Vice President.**

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 8/22/74: b6 b7C

J. EDWARD CONWAY, Apartment 114, Building 222, Heritage Village Apartments, Albany, New York, stated that he had served as Chairman of the State Human Rights Appeal Board from 1968 until his retirement. Mr. CONWAY stated that he had been appointed to this Chairmanship by former Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated that prior to that time, he had been President of the State Civil Service Commission, having been appointed by then Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY. In 1954, Governor DEWEY had appointed him to the State Commission Against Discrimination and this subsequently became known as the New York State Commission For Human Rights. He also served as Commissioner of this body, having been reappointed by former Governor ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. CONWAY stated that during the 12 years that he was associated in this work, he had some contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and that he found him to be a person who was absolutely sincere and dedicated to help all people, particularly those who were members of deprived ethnic groups. Mr. CONWAY stated nominee not only gave physical support in striving to obtain equality of races but also supported them through his budgetary ability.

Mr. CONWAY stated that nominee certainly is a man of the highest integrity and he knows of nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon his character, reputation or morals. He stated he feels the nominee has been most outstanding in his dedication to public service and feels that he will be a very active and productive statesman as Vice President. He highly recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for this position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA JOHN P. KOSAKOWSKI, JR., on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

RUSSELL G. OSWALD, Commissioner, New York State Crime Victims Compensation Board, 875 Central Avenue, Albany, New York, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for 17 years, both professionally and socially. OSWALD was appointed Commissioner of New York State Parole Board by former Governor HARRIMAN, in 1957. In 1971, a consolidation of the Parole Department and Correctional Department formulated the New York State Department of Correctional Services, and ROCKEFELLER appointed OSWALD as the first Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services.

Mr. OSWALD stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S character and loyalty, ability, reputation, and associates are beyond reproach. OSWALD highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and personally feels that ROCKEFELLER was the only logical choice.

Regarding the efforts which took place at the Attica State Prison in September, 1971, OSWALD commented as follows:

When the prison uprising began, ROCKEFELLER advised that all decisions would be cleared through the Governor's office. The demand by the rioting prisoners that Governor ROCKEFELLER meet with them personally was presented to the Governor by Commissioner OSWALD. OSWALD felt that if the Governor was to comply with this demand, his life might be put in jeopardy and nothing constructive would have been accomplished by meeting the demand and OSWALD so advised ROCKEFELLER. ROCKEFELLER was agreeable to meeting with the rioting prisoners if any useful purpose would have resulted. OSWALD felt that the Governor's role in the Attica Prison uprising was proper.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

WALTER LANGLEY, 74 State Street, Albany, New York, an attorney and a Republican member of the New York State Senate was interviewed.

MR. LANGLEY advised that as a member of the New York State Senate he has had many conferences with ROCKEFELLER on State issues.

MR. LANGLEY stated that on one occasion a bill calling for an elected school board for the city of Albany came before the Senate and there was one question regarding this bill in which he and ROCKEFELLER disagreed and he accused ROCKEFELLER of dirty politics and publicly stated so. MR. LANGLEY stated that he thought ROCKEFELLER and the Democratic City of Albany Administration were working jointly to defeat the elected school board official bill. However, MR. LANGLEY stated that despite the accusation he made against ROCKEFELLER, ROCKEFELLER never showed any vindictiveness toward him and always treated him cordially.

MR. LANGLEY stated ROCKEFELLER had a very progressive attitude toward minority groups which was reflected in the many bills passed by the Legislature regarding housing and education for these minority groups.

MR. LANGLEY stated ROCKEFELLER opposed the Taylor Law, which law gave the employees of New York State the right to collective bargaining.

MR. LANGLEY related that ROCKEFELLER is a man of sixty-six years but despite his age he is an energetic and tireless worker. He also added that ROCKEFELLER is a strong executive and a great administrator and that in these two facets he is able to select personnel for various assignments who are probably without question the best men in their fields.

MR. LANGLEY added that ROCKEFELLER spent very little time in Albany and that his executive offices were in New York City.

Regarding ROCKEFELLER's divorce, MR. LANGLEY stated that he has no knowledge of anything in this divorce which would reflect unfavorably upon ROCKEFELLER and stated that he believes that this divorce was obtained by the first wife of ROCKEFELLER in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

TARKY LOMBARDI, Jr., New York State Senator, Syracuse, New York advised he has known ROCKEFELLER through his work in the New York legislative and executive branches for approximately nine years, and can state unequivocally that he does not know anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty.

He continued that through the years he has been at odds with ROCKEFELLER on a number of issues; primarily, government spending and although ROCKEFELLER favors large budgets, he is not adverse to cutting his budgets in time of need.

Mr. LOMBARDI concluded that he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for Vice President and believes that he will be a great leader in the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

DOUGLAS HUDSON, Senator, New York State, Albany, New York, who is also the Republican County Chairman for Rensselaer County, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for some 16 years on a political, legislative, and personal basis. Senator HUDSON stated that ROCKEFELLER has the greatest integrity of any man he has come in contact with. He stated that ROCKEFELLER'S moral character is above reproach. Senator HUDSON concluded that without hesitancy or reservation, he would most certainly recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

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Albany, New York, was interviewed. [redacted] advised that he is presently [redacted] of the Senate, State of New York. He advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since ROCKEFELLER first became Governor of New York in the 1950's. During [redacted] association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, [redacted] has met with ROCKEFELLER on many occasions, both socially and professionally at ROCKEFELLER's private residence and at the Governor's mansion. [redacted] also advised that he has been with NELSON ROCKEFELLER on occasions when very important legislative matters were discussed concerning the State of New York.

[redacted] advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is of the highest moral character. His loyalty is above reproach and his associates are of the finest caliber.

[redacted] has the greatest regard for the ability of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as a political leader and administrator and feels that ROCKEFELLER is fully capable of being Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT R. HAZELWOOD on August 22, 1974:

FRANCIS J. BOLAND, New York State Assemblyman from Binghamton, New York, and a Republican, advised that he and his wife are close personal friends of NELSON ROCKEFELLER. Mr. BOLAND stated that his association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER precedes his, BOLAND's, nine years in the New York State Assembly. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be extremely intelligent, competent and a man of integrity. He would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for any political office with the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

THOMAS W. BROWN, 100 State Street, Albany, New York, an attorney and a New York State Assemblyman was interviewed. Mr. BROWN advised he is a member of the Democratic Party and that he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

Mr. BROWN advised that ROCKEFELLER is a man dedicated to public service and a man who is well qualified to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the position of Vice President.

Mr. BROWN stated that ROCKEFELLER is thoroughly honest, has great ability as an administrator and has the knack of getting things done.

Mr. BROWN stated that ROCKEFELLER has an excellent record dealing with minority groups and that he is a man of great compassion and understanding.

Mr. BROWN related that on one occasion he recalls that during the debate on the important issue of abortion in the State Legislature, he and ROCKEFELLER discussed this issue for over an hour and although ROCKEFELLER had a different position than he, BROWN, and he admired ROCKEFELLER for his patience and understanding and his interest in this important issue.

Mr. BROWN stated that he knows of no property owned by ROCKEFELLER in the Capital District area.

Mr. BROWN related that he has no knowledge of anything relating to ROCKEFELLER's divorce and knows of nothing which would reflect on ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty in any way.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974:

Mr. FRED DROMS, Republican Assemblyman for the 108th Assembly District, State of New York, who resides in Rexford, New York, advised he has known the nominee on a professional basis for approximately eight years. During this period, he has found the nominee to be of the highest character and loyalty.

Mr. DROMS stated that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is one of the best administrators that New York State has ever had and believes that the nominee is about ten years in front of his constituents in his progressive thinking. He stated that he is a tough-minded individual, in that he will ask his staff for recommendations and then when he decides what is right, he is very hard to change. He stated that the nominee will ask for advice, and then do what he believes is right and will continue on this path. Mr. DROMS stated that he knows no derogatory information whatever concerning the nominee, and would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN P. KOSAKOWSKI, JR. on August 22, 1974:

FREDERICK G. FIELD, JR., Republican, New York State Assembly, 103rd District, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER on a limited professional basis for the past six years. FIELD knows nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and has always considered him an outstanding administrator. ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, associations and ability have never been questioned by FIELD. There is no reason for FIELD not to recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high position such as Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

GLENN HENRY HARRIS, Canada Lake, New York, advised that he is a New York State Assemblyman from the 109th District, Majority Whip of the Assembly, and is a member of the Republican Party. He said he has known ROCKEFELLER since he entered political life in 1964 and since that time he has had a very close political relationship with ROCKEFELLER. He said he has met with ROCKEFELLER personally on many occasions during the course of conducting the Assembly's business. Mr. HARRIS said that in the years he has known ROCKEFELLER, he would consider ROCKEFELLER to be an individual of unquestionable loyalty, both to New York State and to the United States. He said that ROCKEFELLER's leadership in New York State at all levels would more than qualify ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He said that under ROCKEFELLER's leadership, New York State has enacted many new and progressive laws and has proven its leadership among the 50 states. He said that ROCKEFELLER will bring a high level of leadership to the Federal government and in addition, will bring a new set of ideas to the highest levels of Federal leadership. He said there is no question of ROCKEFELLER's moral character or associates and he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal administrative position. Mr. HARRIS said that he knows of no derogatory information whatsoever concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Former Republican New York State Assemblyman KENNETH S. LEASURE advised that during his tenure as New York State Assemblyman, he had met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions. He stated that while he and Mr. ROCKEFELLER disagree philosophically on several issues and in fact, had public disputes over matters such as taxation, he nevertheless considers ROCKEFELLER to be a person of integrity and extremely qualified to perform any position to which he may be nominated.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

EDWYN E. MASON, State Assemblyman, Box 236, Hobart, New York, advised that he has been in the State Legislature since 1958, before ROCKEFELLER was elected Governor of New York State. He advised that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER had no concept of how ordinary people live and surrounded himself with associates who were innovators and intellectuals. He stated that during his terms as Governor of New York State, ROCKEFELLER was interested in promoting his own future and that his fiscal policy of "pay as you go" had hurt the State of New York greatly. He stated ROCKEFELLER'S fiscal policies had a depressing effect on business and commerce in the State of New York over the past years as a result of this. He advised that ROCKEFELLER, while Governor of New York State, was extremely difficult to see in an official capacity and that he considered him to be an absentee Governor, as he spent little time in the State of New York. He advised that he could not recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States in view of the foregoing.

It is noted that Mr. MASON is a member of the Republican Party.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. ROCCO PIRRO, New York State Assemblyman, Onondaga County, 550 Charles Avenue, Solvay, New York, has been an assemblyman only since February, 1974, and has had no personal contact with ROCKEFELLER during this period. Based upon PIRRO'S experience as a State Legislator, he has no basis to question the nominee's character, integrity, or loyalty, knows of no derogatory information, and would recommend his confirmation.

It is noted that Mr. PIRRO is a member of the Republican Party.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

LLOYD S. RIFORD, JR., New York State Assemblyman, 125th District, Auburn, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER personally for about three years and has conferred with him in groups and in private on several occasions. While he has not always agreed with the nominee's point of view on some political matters, he has no question regarding the nominee's character or integrity. He considers ROCKEFELLER a very loyal American of whom he knows nothing of a derogatory nature and highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

It is noted that Mr. RIFORD is a member of the Republican Party.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 21, 1974.

ANDREW W. RYAN, Republican, New York State Assemblyman, 111th District, Plattsburgh, New York, stated that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1968 in an official capacity. He has met him at least monthly, and considers him to be above reproach as regards character, loyalty and associations. He rated the nominee's administrative ability as being excellent. He has the facility for surrounding himself with well qualified people. He recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

GERALD B. SOLOMON, 23 North Road, Queensbury, New York, a New York State Assemblyman for the past two years, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past ten years. He has had contact with ROCKEFELLER professionally during this period, and knows him socially as well. SOLOMON classifies himself as a political and financial conservative which he states ROCKEFELLER is not. SOLOMON has scrutinized ROCKEFELLER's administration since SOLOMON has been an Assemblyman and SOLOMON feels that ROCKEFELLER was right in what he set out to do in connection with his massive spending programs. However, Mr. SOLOMON feels that ROCKEFELLER might have tried to accomplish too much too soon resulting in high taxes. Their difference in viewpoint in this regard is a question of emphasis according to Mr. SOLOMON, who said he closely investigated the ROCKEFELLER administration in New York State and he found it to be thoroughly honest and competent. He feels that ROCKEFELLER stressed less emphasis on politics and more on accomplishment among his subordinates.

Mr. SOLOMON highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency, for moral character and for the caliber of his associates. ROCKEFELLER is unquestionably loyal to the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

DONALD L. TAYLOR, New York State Assemblyman for the 314th District, and a Republican, who resides in Watertown, New York, advised that he has known the nominee during his political career through contacts between the Legislative and Executive Branches of the New York State Government. He noted that the frequency of his contacts was seldom and that the contacts were usually quite brief. He said that there is no question in his mind whatever as to the nominee's character, loyalty, or ability and he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to have a clean reputation and to be a man of integrity. He has never met any members of Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S family. He advised that he would be more than pleased to add his recommendation for Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S appointment as Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

CHARLES A. SCHOENECK, JR., Attorney, Syracuse, New York, and Chairman of New York State Republican Party, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known ROCKEFELLER since 1957 and served as State Chairman of the Republican Party under ROCKEFELLER and knew ROCKEFELLER when he, SCHOENECK, was a member of the State Assembly. SCHOENECK stated he considered ROCKEFELLER to be a man of great moral character, a tremendous amount of ability, abundance of energy, good common sense, a dedicated American and one whom the President of the United States would be happy to have as a servant of the Federal Government in any capacity.

Senator EARL BRYDGES, New York State Senator and Senate Majority Leader, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1955 or 1956. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a tremendous public servant, dedicated to his job and to the people whom he serves, a man of great vision, a man of integrity, one of great moral character and one who would be a tremendous asset to the President of the United States.

STANLEY STEINGUT, Democratic Minority Leader, New York State Assembly, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and considered the Governor to be a man of high moral character, a great public administrator, a man devoted to his state and country and one who would be a tremendous asset to the President of the United States.

ARTHUR LEVITT, New York State Comptroller, and a member of the Democratic Party, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and he considered the Governor to be a man of extraordinary ability, a man of excellent character and reputation, an individual in whom he could put complete trust, a man who is dedicated both to the Government of New York State and the Government of the United States, and a man who would be a great asset to the President of the United States.

Senator JOSEPH ZARETZKI, Democratic Senate Minority Leader, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for 15 years and stated he considered the Governor to be a great administrator, a man of deep religious beliefs and one whom he admires more with each passing year. Senator ZARETZKI stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER divorced his first wife but despite any political criticism of this divorce, he stated ROCKEFELLER was a man of whom nothing of a derogatory nature could be said against because of this divorce. ZARETZKI stated that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER highly for any position of trust with the Federal Government.

Commissioner JOSEPH MURPHY, New York State Department of Taxation, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for 12 years and had served the Governor as a member of his staff during these years. He stated that the Governor is a man of excellent integrity, a man of great capability, a great administrator, a tremendous public servant and one whom he would recommend favorably for any position with the Federal Government.

VINCENT L. TOFANY, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State of New York, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised that he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1958 and was then serving as Motor Vehicle Commissioner under Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated the Governor is a man of great ability, well intentioned purposes, a great public servant, a man with wide-ranging vision both in State and Federal Government, a dedicated American citizen and a man who would be a tremendous asset to the President of the United States.

MALCOLM WILSON, then Lieutenant Governor, New York State, when interviewed during the 1969 investigation of Governor ROCKEFELLER, advised he had known Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and during these years he had worked very closely and intimately with the Governor. He advised he considered the Governor to be a man of high principles which were inbred in him by his mother, that he was a man of great ability, completely honest, a truly patriotic American, having far ranging interests in Governmental problems both at home and abroad, and most assiduous in his devotion to duty.

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LT. GOVERNOR WILSON stated there was no scandal connected with Governor ROCKEFELLER'S divorce from his first wife and that amicable arrangememts were made with Mrs. ROCKEFELLER at the time of this divorce.

He advised Governor ROCKEFELLER would be a tremendous asset to the Federal Government because of his great knowledge of South American problems.

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INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

ERASTUS CORNING, Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, was interviewed. Mayor CORNING stated that his family, the ROCKEFELLER family and the CLARK family, all were neighbors in Maine for many summers. He stated that MARY CLARK was the first wife of ROCKEFELLER.

Mayor CORNING stated he knows MARY CLARK very well and stated he knows nothing unfavorable regarding the divorce between MARY CLARK and ROCKEFELLER.

Mayor CORNING advised that prior to ROCKEFELLER becoming Governor of New York State, ROCKEFELLER and he both served on the Constitutional Convention for New York State.

When ROCKEFELLER became Governor, he worked very closely with Mayor CORNING in many of the urban renewal projects within the City of Albany.

Mayor CORNING stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man of great wealth, but, despite his own wealth, he has a compassion and understanding for the poor and underprivileged.

He advised that ROCKEFELLER is a man endowed with great administrative and leadership abilities, and has a way of getting things done in a hurry. He also stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man who is completely honest and a loyal American citizen.

He added that to his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER does not have any financial interests in the Capital District area and does not own any real estate in the Capital District area.

Mayor CORNING added that although ROCKEFELLER was the Governor of New York State, his executive offices were in New York City and he only occasionally came to Albany on business.

Mayor CORNING added that President FORD's choice of ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President was an excellent decision and good for the people of the United States.

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Mayor CORNING advised that the Albany County Democratic Party Chairman DANIEL O'CONNELL is too ill to be interviewed at the present time.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 16, 1974. b6 b7C

MALCOLM E. ELLIS, 846 State Street, Schenectady, New York, former Mayor of the city of Schenectady for 12 years, and a Republican, advised he is personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and conferred with him on many occasions concerning legislation affecting Schenectady. ELLIS stated that ROCKEFELLER was the most outstanding Governor in the history of the State of New York. He said that he is fully qualified by virtue of leadership ability, personality, and sound business acumen to assume an active vigorous role in a position of trust to serve his country. ELLIS advised that ROCKEFELLER is a person of the highest moral character whose loyalty is unquestioned and heartily recommended him for an executive position.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 17, 1974. b6 b7C

FRANK J. DUCI, Mayor, Schenectady, New York, and a Republican, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since ROCKEFELLER entered political life in New York State in 1957. DUCI said that he has had numerous contacts with ROCKEFELLER on an official basis over the years and he considers him to be an honest, dedicated individual who has "No Ax To Grind." DUCI said he has great respect for ROCKEFELLER as being an individual who holds to his commitments and as a person of great integrity. He has no knowledge of ROCKEFELLER'S personal life since he has only dealt with him concerning official matters, but he has never heard of anything derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 18, 1974.

EDWIN L. CRAWFORD, County Executive, Broome County, New York, stated he would highly recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for a position with the Federal Government.

CRAWFORD advised that he is philosophically aligned with ROCKEFELLER and has observed him to be an honest, straightforward individual. CRAWFORD recommended ROCKEFELLER as an outstanding candidate for any position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

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[redacted] New York, advised that he is a member of the Democratic Party and has had no personal or political association with ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he does not believe in ROCKEFELLER'S political philosophy but knows nothing to indicate any impropriety on ROCKEFELLER'S part. He stated that in view of the fact that he is not personally acquainted with the former Governor, he is not in a position to recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] Attorney, [redacted] New York, advised he has only met the nominee once casually in connection with an association meeting of [redacted] Attorneys and former Governor ROCKEFELLER. From this contact and public information he considers the nominee an honorable, straightforward individual about whom he knows nothing of a derogatory nature and has no reason to question his character, integrity or loyalty. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

[redacted] Attorney, [redacted] was contacted and he advised as follows: b6 b7C

[redacted] stated his relationship with ROCKEFELLER is casual, and no personal or professional relationship exists between them.

[redacted] stated he has only met ROCKEFELLER on a few occasions, primarily at Republican functions. [redacted] stated he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee's character, reputation, or associates, and has no doubt concerning ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States. [redacted] stated ROCKEFELLER appointed him [redacted] as [redacted]

[redacted] advised he believes ROCKEFELLER is an excellent administrator and would recommend him to fill any high Federal position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

[redacted] Attorney [redacted] residence [redacted] New York, advised that he has personally met and observed the nominee on about three occasions at political meetings in Central New York, during the past six years. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that the nominee is a pleasant, impressive and aggressive speaker and in his opinion, has an extensive grasp of economic, domestic, and foreign issues. In his opinion, the nominee enjoys an excellent reputation and there is no question concerning his personal morals or integrity.

He stated he heartily supports ROCKEFELLER as the Vice Presidential nominee.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C New York advised that [redacted] he was employed as [redacted] for the Hudson River Valley Commission of which the Executive Director was ROCKEFELLER's cousin ALEXANDER ALDRICH. [redacted] noted that he met ROCKEFELLER socially on several occasions and was very much impressed by his stature. He also has the utmost respect for the ROCKEFELLER family and described them as a dedicated hardworking family who choose the most qualified people as assistants regardless of party affiliation.

He knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER or his family and recommends him highly for the position of Vice President.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. GEORGE DUNN, Executive Director, Onondaga County Bar Association, 433 South Warren Street, Syracuse, New York advised that he has not had any personal contact with ROCKEFELLER, but has been in a position where he could scrutinize his efforts and position in law enforcement and judicial matters. He stated that he has a great deal of respect for Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man and business official. He is appreciative of the progress that ROCKEFELLER made in improving the New York State Judicial System.

DUNN stated that he has never received information of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER and that based on his observations, his character is most impressive. Mr. DUNN stated that he also had no reason whatsoever to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and based on his assessment of the ROCKEFELLER'S accomplishments, he would recommend him for the position to which he has been nominated.

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INTERVIEWS OF JUDGES

FEDERAL

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 16, 1974. b6 b7C

Chief Judge JAMES T. FOLEY, United States District Court, Northern District of New York, Albany New York, a registered Democrat, advised that although he has never met ROCKEFELLER personally and has no real insight concerning him, it is his opinion ROCKEFELLER would probably be a good administrator due to his years of executive experience on a State, National, and International level. Judge FOLEY stated he knows nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon ROCKEFELLER'S character, reputation, morals, and loyalty to the country.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

JUSTIN J. MAHONEY, Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, United States Post Office and Courthouse, Albany, New York, who resides at 2707 15th Street, Troy, New York, advised he formerly was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York from 1960 until 1969. Judge MAHONEY stated he has never been personally acquainted with Governor ROCKEFELLER either on a business or social level. He advised that he does not know factual data on a first-hand basis concerning ROCKEFELLER and declined to make any observations whatsoever concerning ROCKEFELLER's qualifications as the Vice Presidential nominee.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

Honorable EDMUND PORT, Federal District Court Judge, Northern District of New York at Auburn, New York, advised he was never formally introduced to ROCKEFELLER but has personally encountered him at a political rally while he was campaigning in New York State for Governor. Judge PORT also had indirect contact with him through ROCKEFELLER'S legal counsel and through his cooperation, a possible volatile issue in regard to a strike was averted. He noted that ROCKEFELLER has served three United States Presidents in important posts and he has no reason to doubt nominee's character, integrity or loyalty to the United States. He stated he knows nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and favorably recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

JAMES L. OAKES, United States Judge, Second Circuit, advised that he has known the nominee personally since about 1959, when he was active in the nominee's campaign and later served as the nominee's Vermont and New England co-campaign manager. Judge OAKES advised that he has maintained social and political contact with the nominee over the years and that he considers him to be an excellent selection for the position of Vice President of the United States. Judge OAKES stated that he has only the highest regard for the nominee's honesty, integrity, and ability and that he would take great pleasure in recommending him most highly.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Norwich, Vermont: b6 b7C

STERRY WATERMAN, Judge, (retired), U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, advised that he has been acquainted with nominee for many years in a social and political capacity and that he considers him to be a man of integrity and honor. Judge WATERMAN advised that he is acquainted with the nominee's family and considers them all to be persons of high repute. He stated in his opinion, the appointment by the President was an excellent one and he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States.

STATE AND LOCAL

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Judge LOREN N. BROWN, Saratoga County Judge, Ballston Spa, New York, advised that he has been associated with ROCKEFELLER for 15 years both politically and professionally. BROWN described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American of the highest integrity with unimpeachable character. BROWN stated that he has campaigned for ROCKEFELLER and that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a most notable and able administrator. BROWN advised that ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States, even though it is such a high Government position, would be able to maintain contact with the people at all levels. BROWN advised that he, without reservation, would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and throughout his association with ROCKEFELLER, professionally and politically, he knows of no derogatory information which would preclude ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

CON G. CHOLAKIS, Rensselaer County Judge, Troy, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally and politically for approximately eight years. He described ROCKEFELLER as being of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, who is considered to be an excellent administrator about whom he knows nothing of a derogatory nature. He stated he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

DALWIN J. NILES, 8 South William Street, Johnstown, New York, former New York State Senator and Family Court Judge, advised that he served in the New York State Senate from 1964 until 1972 from the 44th District as a member of the Republican Party. He said as a member of the Senate he had occasional political and business contacts with ROCKEFELLER and a few social contacts. He advised that there has never been any question about ROCKEFELLER's sincerity, his loyalty to the United States and his ability to administer the State of New York. He said he never questioned ROCKEFELLER's integrity or his honesty and he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. Mr. NILES advised that ROCKEFELLER has a tremendous drive and this drive enables him to work long hours on complicated and tedious issues. Mr. NILES said he would definitely recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal administrative position. He said that ROCKEFELLER is a strong individual who tends to set forth his own viewpoint on issues when it comes to dealing with other individuals. He said that this is simply an indication of the type of person ROCKEFELLER is and he would consider this to be an asset in an administrative position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

Broome County Judge STEPHEN SMYK, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER approximately 12 or 13 years. ROCKEFELLER appointed Judge SMYK as an interim District Attorney for Broome County in 1962 and then in 1970, ROCKEFELLER appointed Judge SMYK as Broome County Judge. He does not know ROCKEFELLER socially and has had limited contact with him but stated that he has never heard any derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER or his family and that the only comments he has heard of ROCKEFELLER are those that praise his virtues.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

Honorable RICHARD CARDAMONE, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Oneida County, Utica, New York, a former Oneida County Republican Party Chairman, advised that over the past fifteen years he has had occasion to meet with, and confer with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, and has always been impressed with ROCKEFELLER'S conduct and professional ability. He said that he is not on social terms with ROCKEFELLER or any member of his family, and therefore, his comments are restricted to his professional associations. He said that he has never known or heard of any incident or characteristic which would render ROCKEFELLER unsuitable for a high office in the United States Government and he believes that because of his wide range of experience, ROCKEFELLER will be an excellent Vice President for the United States.

Honorable HUGH R. JONES, New York State Court of Appeals, State Office Building, 207 Genesee Street, Utica, New York, advised that he has been a very close associate of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past fifteen years both professionally and personally. JONES served for ten years on the State Board of Social Welfare and in fact, chaired that Board for several years. In 1964 he was appointed trustee of the State University of New York. From 1970 to 1972 JONES served on Select Committee of Correctional Institutions and Programs. In December, 1972, he was appointed to the Bench. Former Governor ROCKEFELLER twice asked JONES to serve in his cabinet as Superintendent of Insurance but he declined, preferring to remain in the private practice of law. JONES also served in numerous organizations during these years as personal emissary of the Governor to the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare in matters relating to social welfare. JONES at one time was Co-chairman with NELSON ROCKEFELLER of the New York State Committee of Revenue Sharing. He said that through these years he has had many occasions to confer with ROCKEFELLER in matters of great concern to the New York State Government and that he has gone through all these experiences with the very highest personal and professional regard for NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He said that ROCKEFELLER has always exhibited a high standard of personal integrity and conduct and demanded and received the same high standards from the members of his staff, most of whom JONES has known well through the years. JONES described ROCKEFELLER as a thoroughly loyal American who has proven through many years of service that he is dedicated to the American democratic form of Government. He said that ROCKEFELLER is a highly skilled

administrator, a man of wide background, and in his opinion, is eminently qualified to serve his country as Vice President. JONES said that ROCKEFELLER is emotionally stable. He expressed high praise for ROCKEFELLER and said in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER never abused the power of his Governorship. He said that ROCKEFELLER was, in his opinion, always quite open and candid in the administration of his office as Governor.

JONES said that he is also acquainted with ROCKEFELLER'S current wife and their children. He is not acquainted with [redacted] but to his knowledge, there is nothing unfavorable about any member of the ROCKEFELLER family.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

Honorable ELLIS J. STALEY, JR., Supreme Court Justice, Appellate Division, 3rd Department, New York State Supreme Court advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1958, and considers his relationship with him to be both personal and professional. Justice STALEY stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty and character are beyond reproach and advised his administrative abilities and personal qualities are the finest that one person can possess. Justice STALEY advised he gives his highest recommendation to NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21 and 22, 1974:

J. CLARENCE HERLIHEY, Presiding Judge, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, Third Department, State of New York, with Chambers at Albany, New York, who resides in Glens Falls, New York, was contacted at his office in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York. He has known ROCKEFELLER since 1955 and has dealt closely with him since ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the Appellate Division. Judge HERLIHEY feels that ROCKEFELLER is eminently well qualified for the Vice Presidency and feels that he is an excellent executive and administrator as exemplified by the fine staff ROCKEFELLER developed when Governor of New York. He said ROCKEFELLER is extremely honest and intelligent, and has unquestioned integrity and moral character. He is very loyal to the United States and Judge HERLIHEY has no reservations about recommending him.

Judge JOHN DIER, Family Court Judge, Warren County, New York, was contacted at his office in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York. Judge DIER was appointed a Family Court Judge by ROCKEFELLER in 1971 and County Court Judge in October, 1973 and most of Judge DIER's contact has been through professional and political circles with minimal social contact. He highly regards ROCKEFELLER for his executive and administrative ability and highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency. He has no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER's moral character or the caliber of his associates and feels that his loyalty to the United States is unquestioned.

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On August 21, 1974, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

FRANCIS BERGAN, 5 Circle Drive, Albany, New York, former Judge of The Court of Appeals, Albany, was interviewed regarding the nomination of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States.

BERGAN advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for approximately 20 years on a business basis. He stated that he was also acquainted with ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis while a Judge of the Court of Appeals which he retired from in January, 1973. BERGAN advised he has had no contact with him since January, 1973, as he is now practicing law at his home address.

BERGAN stated that the loyalty and morals of ROCKEFELLER are beyond reproach. BERGAN stated that the character of ROCKEFELLER is of the highest caliber and the associates of ROCKEFELLER are also of the highest caliber.

BERGAN further advised that ROCKEFELLER has the personal qualities and administrative ability that are necessary to fulfill the job as Vice President of the United States. BERGAN advised that he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

Judge MILTON ALPERT, New York State Court of Claims, 7 Harvard Avenue, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1928, when ROCKEFELLER and Judge ALPERT were students at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Judge ALPERT stated that while a student at Dartmouth, ROCKEFELLER was "a very nice, unassuming, outstanding student." Judge ALPERT stated that ROCKEFELLER was a member of the Student Fire Fighting Force, and also taught Sunday School at a church in the vicinity of the college.

Judge ALPERT stated that ROCKEFELLER was one of six to ten seniors who were designated Special Scholars with the title of either Daniel Webster or Shoate Scholar. Judge ALPERT advised that the next time he had an occasion to be associated with ROCKEFELLER was during ROCKEFELLER'S Gubernatorial Campaign in 1958. After his election, ROCKEFELLER undertook a project to help local officials and created the "Office For Local Government". Judge ALPERT became Counsel of this project in the summer of 1959 and in that capacity, worked closely with ROCKEFELLER and his staff. In the summer of 1967, at the New York State Constitutional Convention, Judge ALPERT was designated as Special Assistant to the Governor and worked closely with the Governor in the area of Public Retirement Systems. ROCKEFELLER appointed Judge Alpert to his present position in January, 1968, and his contacts with ROCKEFELLER have been of a social nature since that time. Judge ALPERT stated that ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States is beyond question and ROCKEFELLER is "dedicated to laying down his life in the service of Government of the Country." Judge ALPERT stated he was not aware of any irregularities in the moral character of the nominee. He stated that ROCKEFELLER possesses "very high moral and ethical standards, personally and in government, and he expects the same from his staff and appointees." Judge ALPERT described ROCKEFELLER as an excellent administrator and stated that he did a fine job as Governor of New York State.

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ROCKEFELLER developed the capacity to work with the State Legislature and made necessary adjustments and compromise in order to get programs passed into law which he thought were necessary for New York. Judge ALPERT knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. [redacted] b6 b7C He feels that ROCKEFELLER's nomination to the Vice Presidency is an excellent choice and he highly recommends him for a high Federal administrative position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974, at Utica, New York:

Honorable VINCENT DE IORIO, New York State Court of Claims, State Office Building, 207 Genesee Street, a former Chairman of the Republican Party of Oneida County, advised that he has been acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER for the past fifteen years, but that his relationship was always restricted to the functions of his duties as County Chairman. He said that he has long followed the political career of ROCKEFELLER and has always admired ROCKEFELLER and knows of nothing unfavorable about him, any member of his staff, or any member of his family. He said that his meetings with the former Governor have always been on the highest plane and that he feels that ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Judge J. RAYMOND AMYOT, New York State Supreme Court, Ballston Spa, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for 15 years and has met him on several occasions. AMYOT described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American, who showed integrity during his tenure as Governor of New York State. AMYOT stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability is of the highest and that he has a tremendous understanding of peoples' everyday problems. He further described ROCKEFELLER as a highly skilled administrator. AMYOT highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position as Vice President of the United States and said he has no knowledge of any derogatory information which would preclude ROCKEFELLER's appointment.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

RICHARD ARONSON, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Syracuse, New York advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959. He collaborated with him on several legislative matters while he (ARONSON) was counsel to Senator HUGHES of New York State. He also attended several social functions with the nominee and has had an opportunity to chat with him personally on numerous occasions. He stated that he has an innate ability to determine the salient problems of matters entrusted to him. He is an administrator beyond parallel as experienced by his handling of the Governorship of New York State since 1959. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man whose integrity is unquestionable. Regarding ROCKEFELLER's loyalty, Judge ARONSON stated that it is obvious that he is one of the most dedicated Americans in public service today. His associations are without question and his character is unimpeachable. Judge ARONSON stated that he has never heard of any derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER and would recommend him for the position to which he had been nominated.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

ARTHUR C. AULISI, 40 North Main Street, Gloversville, New York, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, from the Fourth Judicial District, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past 16 years on a political basis. He advised that he has had limited contact with ROCKEFELLER during these years but he has followed ROCKEFELLER's activities and he sees ROCKEFELLER at least once a year at political or social functions. Mr. AULISI said that he greatly admires ROCKEFELLER and feels that there could not have been a better man picked for the position of Vice President. Mr. AULISI said that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be absolutely honest and there would be no question concerning ROCKEFELLER's integrity. He said that ROCKEFELLER attracts good people to government service and ROCKEFELLER has proven his qualities of excellent service throughout his years as governor. Mr. AULISI said he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. He said that ROCKEFELLER has confidence and is a fighter for his convictions. He said ROCKEFELLER has done a lot for New York State as far as public projects are concerned and ROCKEFELLER has the courage to stick to his convictions on any given issue. Mr. AULISI said he would definitely recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal position and he would consider ROCKEFELLER's administrative abilities to be outstanding.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

RICHARD T. BARTLETT, State Administrative Judge, New York State Supreme Court with offices at Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, and 270 Broadway, Room 1300, New York, New York, was contacted. He has known ROCKEFELLER since 1958 when he was a candidate for the New York State Assembly and ROCKEFELLER was the Gubernatorial candidate. They have been close politically and socially since that time with Judge BARTLETT serving as Chairman of three separate crime-oriented committees at ROCKEFELLER's direction between 1961 and 1973. He knows ROCKEFELLER to be an extremely forceful, vigorous , forthright, and highly capable executive and he highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency. ROCKEFELLER can handle extreme pressure and responsibility very capably and is also receptive to ideas from his subordinates. ROCKEFELLER possesses excellent moral character, loyalty to the United States and associates. He enjoys a close family relationship with his wife, [redacted] and particularly with [redacted] He also noted that ROCKEFELLER makes decisions very well and once made he stands by them.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

EDWARD S. CONWAY, Supreme Court Judge, State of New York advised that he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER professionaly for the past fourteen years. CONWAY stated that he, CONWAY, was serving as Republican Chairman of Albany County, New York in 1962 when ROCKEFELLER ran for Governor. CONWAY stated that he has attended numerous breakfast meetings at the Governor's Mansion and has observed ROCKEFELLER dealing with numerous state problems. During his association with ROCKEFELLER, he has never known the nominee to engage in any unfair or unethical practices even though ROCKEFELLER himself was the victim of some questionable tactics at the 1964 Republican Convention.

Judge CONWAY stated that as a Governor ROCKEFELLER was unsurpassed as a political leader and organizer in government. In CONWAY's opinion, ROCKEFELLER has the talent of selecting outstanding people to fill key spots in his administration. Judge CONWAY has no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER. He mentioned the fact that some people still look with displeasure on ROCKEFELLER's divorce and remarriage. Judge CONWAY stated that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

New York State Supreme Court Judge LOUIS M. GREENBLOTT, Binghamton, New York, is a candidate for election to the New York State Court of Appeals. He advised he first met ROCKEFELLER in 1958 during the time that he was running for re-election as District Attorney of Broome County while ROCKEFELLER was running for election as Governor of the State of New York. Judge GREENBLOTT met ROCKEFELLER on two later occasions, in 1961 and 1969 when ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the bench. Over the years, Judge GREENBLOTT has met many people who have known ROCKEFELLER and he never heard anyone speak derogatorily concerning him. ROCKEFELLER never attempted to influence the outcome of any decision or case pending before Judge GREENBLOTT and ROCKEFELLER has displayed a keen awareness of the separation of the Executive Branch of the Government from the Judiciary.

Broome County Family Court Judge DANIEL S. DICKINSON, Jr., Binghamton, New York, advised as follows:

Judge DICKINSON first met ROCKEFELLER when ROCKEFELLER was elected Governor of the State of New York in 1958. At that time, Judge DICKINSON was serving in the New York State Legislature and he naturally met ROCKEFELLER in connection with Legislative matters. He occasionally met him socially when ROCKEFELLER would invite members of the Legislature to social functions. Judge DICKINSON has heard nothing but the highest praise regarding ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

HAROLD E. KOREMAN, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Judicial Department, Albany, New York, with residence at [redacted] Albany, was interviewed at Room 1104, Twin Towers Building, Albany. b6 b7C

Judge KOREMAN advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER as the Governor of New York on solely a social basis, that being at social functions given by ROCKEFELLER. Judge KOREMAN described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American who has throughout his career shown to be of a high character and a person with unquestioned morals. ROCKEFELLER is described as an honest person and one who possesses great administrative ability.

Judge KOREMAN recommends very highly and without reservation ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and he further stated he knows of absolutely no derogatory information concerning him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 21, 1974:

DANIEL MC AVOY, New York State Supreme Court Judge (retired), advised that he has had limited professional and social contacts with the nominee. He advised that the nominee possesses unquestioned abilities and control. MC AVOY stated that during his personal observations of the nominee's political career, he observed the most frequent criticism to be the policy of spending too much of the State's funds in various governmental projects. MC AVOY advised that he has observed the nominee's handling of critical situations such as the Attica situation to be entirely proper and correct. MC AVOY is unaware of any derogatory information concerning the nominee.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

DeFOREST C. PITT, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Troy, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally since 1958. He described ROCKEFELLER as a man of high moral character whose loyalty to his country is above reproach. He considers ROCKEFELLER'S administrative ability to be excellent and described him as one of the best administrators New York State has ever had. He knows of no organizations or associations that ROCKEFELLER belongs to other than professional organizations.. He stated that ROCKEFELLER possesses charisma and is the type of individual that this country expects of its top leaders. He stated that he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President and feels that President FORD could not have made a better choice. Mr. PITT is not knowledgeable of ROCKEFELLER'S family and knows of no derogatory information regarding the nominee.

A. FRANKLIN MAHONEY, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Troy, New York, advised that he has no personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he has known him only as a public figure and has not been part of any of ROCKEFELLER'S administrations. He added that he knows no derogatory information pertaining to the nominee.

JOHN T. CASEY, JUDGE, New York State Supreme Court, Troy, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER for over fifteen years and considers him to be of the highest moral and ethical character. His loyalty to the United States cannot be questioned. He stated ROCKEFELLER had the ability to administrate the finances of New York State in an excellent manner and has the ability to communicate with people of all classes. He stated that he does not know ROCKEFELLER'S family personally and said he knows of no derogatory information pertaining to him. He stated that he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President. CASEY also stated that aside from professional organizations of which ROCKEFELLER is a member, he is aware that ROCKEFELLER is a sponsor of the arts and particularly the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Judge CASEY also advised that while he was connected with the New York State District Attorney's Association, he had several occasions to meet with ROCKEFELLER and found ROCKEFELLER to be a very cooperative and understanding individual who was "no push-over" but who was amenable to "give and take" communications with the District Attorney's Association concerning matters pertinent to law enforcement. He stated that "although ROCKEFELLER is no lawyer, he has an excellent understanding of matters of a legal nature."

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

New York Supreme Court Judge EDMUND L. SHEA, Ogdensburg, New York, advised that he has been associated with the nominee through political activities over a number of years. He advised that former Governor ROCKEFELLER appointed him a County Judge and when the former Supreme Court Judge in the area, PAUL D. GRAVES, died approximately three years ago, he was appointed Supreme Court Judge by the nominee. Over the years, he has had contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER perhaps twice each year and has been associated with the nominee's staff in connection with reviews of constitutional law. From his personal knowledge and from the reputation of the nominee, he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be of exceptional character, loyalty, associates and ability. He has met the former Governor's present wife socially on a number of occasions and has the highest personal regard for her. He feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER should be very highly recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government and is happy to add his personal comments in this regard.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Judge MICHAEL E. SWEENEY, New York State Supreme Court, Ballston Spa, New York, advised that he has been associated professionally for 15 years with former Governor ROCKEFELLER and that he has met him several times at social gatherings. SWEENEY advised that he is tremendously impressed with ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability and his ability to get things done. SWEENEY feels that ROCKEFELLER would be a tremendous asset in the position of Vice President of the United States and he stated that ROCKEFELLER's character and loyalty are of the highest and that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the Vice President of the United States. He said he has no knowledge of any derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER.

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FEDERAL OFFICIALS

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 17, 1974.

Mr. JAMES SULLIVAN, JR., United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, Syracuse, New York, 104 Winterton Drive, Dewitt, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately 18 years on a professional basis. Mr. SULLIVAN stated he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a competent, intelligent and honest public official possessing high moral standards and an individual who has worked for the best interest of the American people.

Mr. SULLIVAN pointed out that ROCKEFELLER had successfully operated an administration as Governor of the State of New York for 15 years and encountered no scandals while in office. Mr. SULLIVAN stated, based on his knowledge of the nominee, he would recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EUGENE F. CABLE, on August 21, 1974:

GEORGE W.F. COOK, United States Attorney, District of Vermont, Rutland, Vermont, advised he had slight personal contact with nominee when Mr. COOK was a delegate to the Republican Party conventions of 1960 and 1964, being committed to the nominee. Mr. COOK advised he has had no other personal contact or professional contact.

Mr. COOK believes nominee to be of the highest ability and integrity, knows of nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee or his family, and has no knowledge other than that gained through public sources.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 16, 1974. b6 b7C

BENDER SOLOMON, 316 South Main Avenue, Albany, New York, United States Magistrate for the Northern District of New York for the past 30 years, a registered Democrat, advised he met ROCKEFELLER on just one occasion and has viewed his career with interest for the past 20 years. SOLOMON advised it is his opinion that ROCKEFELLER is a person of the highest integrity; that he is a man of financial independence who is beholden to no one and does not have to seek power or glory. He said that he is a person who definitely can be trusted and feels that the majority of people in this country would support him in any position to which the President might wish to appoint him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

CHARLA G. HULL, United States Magistrate, Binghamton, New York, advised that she has had no personal or professional contact with the nominee. She /is/ unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and advised that although she differs philosophically with him, she considers him to be an honorable individual. She advised she would recommend him for the position to which he has been nominated.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974.

DANIEL SCANLON JR., United States Magistrate, Washington Street, Watertown, New York, advised that he has met the former New York Governor Rockefeller at ceremonies at various times over the past several years. He indicated that he had contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER perhaps somewhat less than once a year. Although he can state nothing from personal experience regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, associates, or ability, he has the highest opinion of the former New York Governor from Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S reputation, and at one time while he, Mr. SCANLON, worked in the Washington D. C. area, he had an opportunity to look over a suggested government reorganization plan which Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been involved with and became very impressed from some of the ideas that had been put forth. He has never met any members of the ROCKEFELLER family and can offer no information concerning them. He feels that he can recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States based on Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S grasp of the organizational needs of the Presidency.

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INTERVIEWS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

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Reverend [redacted] pastor [redacted] Baptist Church, [redacted] Albany, New York, advised ROCKEFELLER spoke at the church a few times and he (Reverend [redacted] met him on those occasions. Reverend [redacted] stated he really is not well acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and basically can only comment indirectly about him. He said most of what he knows about ROCKEFELLER was learned through members of his congregation who used to work for the former Governor. Reverend [redacted] always understood that ROCKEFELLER is a man of character and is highly respected by his subordinates. He feels ROCKEFELLER is a man of proven administrative ability who is a well known international diplomat. Reverend [redacted] is not aware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER's associates, morals, or character. He stated he has no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States and feels he will be a definite asset to President FORD's administration.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

[redacted] Pastor [redacted] Church, [redacted] New York, [redacted] advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions [redacted] stated that he has no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty or moral character, nor is he aware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. He stated that from a personal viewpoint, he is not an enthusiastic ROCKEFELLER supporter. [redacted] stated that he is glad that ROCKEFELLER was nominated for the Vice Presidency because it will probably keep him out of The White House as President. [redacted] stated that he cannot recommend ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States based upon his stand on abortion. [redacted] also stated that he does not think highly of ROCKEFELLER's fiscal policy while he was Governor of New York, primarily relating to the building of the Albany South Mall. [redacted] stated that he feels the cost of this project is very excessive and he said that if a policy such as the one pertaining to the South Mall was applied on a National level, it would mean a great deal of expense for the country. [redacted] emphasized that these are personal opinions and [redacted] he is not speaking for [redacted] In summary, [redacted] stated he would rather have seen someone else nominated for the Vice Presidency.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

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[redacted] New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1961 primarily due to his work [redacted] of Churches. [redacted] stated that [redacted] stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability is "terrific". If a question was presented to ROCKEFELLER and he could not personally answer it, he would immediately obtain the correct answer to any question put to him from his assistants, rather than attempt to evade the issue or give false information. [redacted] also stated that ROCKEFELLER surrounds himself with capable people. A concept which was introduced by ROCKEFELLER which [redacted] spoke highly of was ROCKEFELLER's "Town Meetings" whereby he would travel around the State and would invite various people to meet with him and discuss issues and ask questions and get answers concerning the operation of the State Government. [redacted] stated that he feels that ROCKEFELLER is not too fond of Episcopalians due to the fact that the Episcopal Church would not marry him for a second time. He described ROCKEFELLER as not one of his heroes. [redacted] stated that ROCKEFELLER's divorce and remarriage have troubled him. He stated he met ROCKEFELLER's first wife, MARY, and described her as a lovely woman. The Bishop did not like the idea of [redacted] stated that his main criticism of ROCKEFELLER's performance as Governor of New York State centers on the construction of the Albany South Mall. [redacted] feels that the original idea was a good one, but the cost of the Mall has become astronomical. Whenever a labor dispute arose concerning wages of construction workers on the South Mall, ROCKEFELLER would give the workers anything they asked for and consequently the cost kept increasing at a very high rate. [redacted] feels that ROCKEFELLER is "100 percent American" and he knows of no derogatory information concerning him. He stated that in view of the total national situation, he feels that ROCKEFELLER is a good choice for the Vice Presidency of the United States and recommends him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 21, 1974.

Rabbi HAYYIM KIEVAL, Rabbi of Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for approximately 15 years. His association with ROCKEFELLER has consisted of meeting him on a number of occasions at official state functions and he was also appointed by ROCKEFELLER to the State "Commission Against Discrimination", now known as the "Commission for Human Rights." Rabbi KIEVAL advised that he is no longer associated with this commission. He stated that he was also appointed to the Religious Advisory Committee to the New York State Health Department. Rabbi KIEVAL stated that he has also assisted the ROCKEFELLER Administration in preparing official statements regarding Jewish religious politics. Rabbi KIEVAL advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER a "top flight" administrator, and he has never found any fault with the way ROCKEFELLER ran the State of New York. He stated ROCKEFELLER has an exceptional ability for attracting talent. Rabbi KIEVAL described ROCKEFELLER's loyalty as impeccable and he has never found anything to criticize regarding the moral character of ROCKEFELLER. He knows of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER and he has nothing but positive feelings and opinions about ROCKEFELLER and his nomination. Rabbi KIEVAL highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States and stated that President Ford has made "a remarkably fine nomination."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

Dr. CARLYLE ADAMS, Stated Clerk, of the Presbytery of Albany, 64 Summit Avenue, advised that he has had a slight association with ROCKEFELLER since 1958. Dr. ADAMS has served as Religion Representative at Official State Functions and has discussed the moral and spiritual implications of State Government with ROCKEFELLER on a number of occasions. Dr. ADAMS stated that he has a great admiration for ROCKEFELLER and feels that he is the most competent administrator in Government today. Dr. ADAMS advised that although he is not a Republican he feels that ROCKEFELLER had the most able government administration in the country. Dr. ADAMS advised that he has no reservations concerning ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability and all State appointments made by ROCKEFELLER were favorable. He stated that he has no question or reservations concerning ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and added that ROCKEFELLER possesses a genuine kind of loyalty. Dr. ADAMS advised that he spoke with ROCKEFELLER at the time of the death of ROCKEFELLER's son, MICHAEL, and also at the time of ROCKEFELLER's marital difficulties and he was impressed with ROCKEFELLER's absolute candor and honesty in these situations. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER clean, in both his life and language and temperate in his habits. Dr. ADAMS knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and [redacted] he feels that he made the decision after a great deal of soul searching. Dr. ADAMS offered the opinion that ROCKEFELLER with his experience in Government would feel comfortable as Vice President, and would probably bring more significance to the Office of the Vice Presidency. Dr. ADAMS feels that ROCKEFELLER is extremely well-qualified and recommends him without reservation for the Office of Vice President. b6 b7C

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INTERVIEWS OF BUSINESS LEADERS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

DANIEL W. VOOYS, President, Bank of New York, 112 State Street, Albany, New York, advised that he has met with ROCKEFELLER on at least six to seven different occasions at various public functions. He advised that he first met and chatted casually with ROCKEFELLER approximately 10 years ago. He considers ROCKEFELLER's moral character to be excellent and he has exceptional associates in that he surrounds himself with people of the highest integrity. ROCKEFELLER has an excellent capacity for bringing in people who can get the job done. He knows people all across our country and would be able to receive opinions of National importance and to make use of the opinions. He would be able to receive assistance from these contacts that he has made. Mr. VOOYS highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

RICHARD F. LINDSTROM, President, Bankers Trust Company of Albany, New York, advised that he has encountered ROCKEFELLER socially approximately six to eight times over the past several years. He advised that he does not feel he knows ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment concerning his character, loyalty or associates but said he would characterize Mr. ROCKEFELLER as being an impeccably sound individual, a superior man with great intelligence, and a man who makes a great impression and seems genuinely sincere in all of his efforts. LINDSTROM advised he would unquestionably recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 21, 1974.

KENNETH BUHRMASTER, Chairman of the Board, First National Bank of Scotia, 201 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for the past 17 years. BUHRMASTER was appointed by ROCKEFELLER to membership on the New York State Regents Advisory Board (RAB) and the New York State Commission of Equalization and Assessment, as well as to the National Commission called COMPACT. BUHRMASTER is also President of the New York State School Advisory Board, Chairman of the New York State Conference Board and is a member of the New York State Teacher's Retirement System. The above boards and/or commissions have brought BUHRMASTER into contact with ROCKEFELLER several times annually regarding both Legislative, administrative and State Educational functions of the Governor of New York. He described ROCKEFELLER as a person with the highest moral character and integrity and as a warm and extremely capable person, who is very conscientious in performing his duties to the best of his ability. BUHRMASTER stated he has never been "led astray" by ROCKEFELLER and that he has always been forthright in their associations. He spoke of ROCKEFELLER and his associates in Albany being of impeccable character. He is a dedicated, loyal American and BUHRMASTER highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974.

MARSHALL HANNOCK, President, Home Savings Bank of New York, Albany, New York, advised that he has seen NELSON ROCKEFELLER over the past 12 years at various banking functions. Mr. HANNOCK stated he does not know the nominee on a personal basis, but is enthusiastic about him becoming the Vice President of the United States. Mr. HANNOCK believes NELSON ROCKEFELLER was the best selection that could have been made for Vice President.

PATRICK F. RYAN, President, Fidelity Bank of Colonie, New York, advised that during the past ten years, he has attended numerous political fund raising dinners and bankers' conventions at which the nominee was present. Mr. RYAN said he does not know him personally, but feels he did a great job as Governor of New York. Mr. RYAN stated he is delighted at NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S being selected Vice President.

CLARENCE VISSCHER, President, Community State Bank, Albany, New York, advised that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER over the past three to four years at numerous banking functions. Mr. VISSCHER stated he feels the nominee will do a good job as Vice President and is enthusiastic with his selection.

ROBERT F. BURNS, President, Citibank, Colonie, New York, advised that he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis; however, he has met him at a number of professional functions. Mr. BURNS said he has attended many Chamber of Commerce and bankers' dinners at which the nominee has spoken. Mr. BURNS stated Mr. ROCKEFELLER was a fine Governor and will make an excellent Vice President.

FREDERICK W. STOLZ, President, City and County Savings Bank, Albany, New York, advised that he has had no contact either personal or professional with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. Mr. STOLZ said he could not comment on the nominee as he only knows that he had been Governor of the State of New York.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

LESTER W. HERZOG, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board, National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, 60 State Street, Albany, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER socially for the past 16 years. He described ROCKEFELLER as being a man of outstanding moral character and associates, and a truly dedicated and loyal American. He considers ROCKEFELLER a very capable man, being both receptive and responsive. He considers ROCKEFELLER to possess the ability to carry out the responsibilities of the Vice Presidency and recommended him with no hesitation for this position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

HOWELL R. WOOD, Jr., President, National Savings Bank of Albany, 90 State Street, Albany, New York, advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER and has spoken with him casually at many public functions throughout New York State within the past several years. WOOD advised that he does not know ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment concerning his moral character, associates or loyalty other than that they are all favorable to his knowledge. He characterized ROCKEFELLER as a responsible individual, devoted to serving New York State and added that he has served New York State extremely well. He advised ROCKEFELLER is extremely well qualified to serve in a high Federal executive position and favorably recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

FRANK WELLS MC CABE, retired Chairman of the Board, National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, 60 State Street, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for approximately 16 to 17 years. MC CABE was appointed by ROCKEFELLER to the position of Chairman of the Hudson River Valley Commission and was appointed Vice Chairman of the temporary State Commission of the Capital City. MC CABE advised there is no criticism at all that he has heard which would reflect unfavorably on ROCKEFELLER's character. He described ROCKEFELLER as a dedicated public servant with an unequalled ability to carry out his responsibilities. He considers ROCKEFELLER most able and willing to work with and for the people of our nation. He described ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and associates as unquestionable and highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

ARTHUR GRALLA, President, Bankers Trust Bank of Binghamton, New York, advised that he has had no opportunity to deal with ROCKEFELLER on a professional, personal or social level. He advised that while he has certainly read of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's political career and followed it in his capacity as a voter, he could provide no information of interest concerning the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

STUART MC CARTY, President, First City National Bank, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has had very limited social contact with the nominee. He advised in view of that limited contact he is unable to comment on the nominee's character or abilities. He is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

HARTWELL P. MORRIS, JR., President of Marine Midland Bank, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for fifteen years through his membership in the Governor's Club of New York, an association of approximately five hundred leading businessmen in New York State who regularly meet with the Governor twice yearly to advise him regarding fiscal and economic matters. Mr. MORRIS commented that ROCKEFELLER is absolutely the finest person he has ever met, one whose executive ability he rates as outstanding. ROCKEFELLER'S reputation for honesty and integrity among leading businessmen in New York State is of the highest caliber and it is well known that he is not a person whose performance can be influenced by outside considerations.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT W. MOYER, President, Wilbur National Bank, Oneonta, New York, advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER three or four times over the past years. He advised that early in his career he had been considered as an appointee to ROCKEFELLER'S staff but that due to personal commitments, he had not accepted the job. He stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER had done a respectable job as Governor of New York State and will do an excellent job in the capacity of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974.

PETER GORDAN, Chairman of the Board of the Endicott Bank of New York, Endicott, New York, advised that he has been a life-long resident of New York State and has met ROCKEFELLER only when the nominee visited the Binghamton, New York area. He advised that he does not know ROCKEFELLER personally, but has never heard any information from the business or banking community that was even remotely detrimental to ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, integrity, or ability.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT G. COX, President, Lincoln First Bank, 1 Lincoln Center, Syracuse, New York, advised that he does not know the nominee on a personal basis. COX advised that since he has been President of the bank for the past three and a half years, he has had no personal dealings with the nominee either personally or otherwise, but based on his record as former Governor of New York State, considers the nominee to be well qualified in leadership ability dealing with governmental affairs. COX advised that he had some dealings with ROCKEFELLER when he was Dean of the School of Business for Syracuse University dealing in academic programs from 1964 to 1970. COX advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a man of high principles and integrity and would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President or any other position that the President may consider him for without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

ROYAL L. O'DAY, Chairman of the Board, Marine Midland Bank - Central, 360 South Warren Street, Syracuse, New York advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee in a business capacity since 1959. During that time, he has contacted the nominee as the President of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, and as the Chairman of the Board, Syracuse University. Mr. O'DAY described the nominee as a man of outstanding character with unimpeachable credentials. His loyalty to this country and its principles are beyond question. His associates have been selected for their adherence to the same cause. He has a unique ability to administrate important offices and matters. Mr. O'DAY stated that he has observed ROCKEFELLER at numerous functions and has never seen him conduct himself in a way which would be embarrassing to anyone. He has never heard any derogatory information regarding the nominee and stated he would recommend him for any high Federal position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974.

THOMAS W. HIGGINS, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer, Merchants National Bank, Fayette and South Warren Streets, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally and by reputation since 1956 or 1957, when the nominee was first starting his political career. HIGGINS noted that his personal contact with ROCKEFELLER has been limited to meetings with the nominee held with leaders of the Syracuse area business and banking community. He stated that he has not always agreed with the nominee on fiscal matters and that he believes the nominee has spent money too freely; however, HIGGINS noted that this is a philosophical difference and it in no way relates to ROCKEFELLER's abilities. He characterized the nominee as an outstanding administrator, who has the ability to attract quality people to government service and the ability to accomplish his goals. HIGGINS declined to comment on the nominee's character and morals in that he has not had sufficient personal contact to form an opinion on these matters. He stated that the nominee's loyalty to the United States is above question and he regards ROCKEFELLER's nomination to Vice President as a good choice by President FORD.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

RITA F. MACKEY, President, Marine Midland Bank, Northern, Watertown, New York, advised that she has only met the nominee on one occasion when he visited the Watertown area several years ago. She cannot comment from any personal experience on his character, loyalty, or ability, but from his reputation she feels that he will be an asset to President FORD because of his administrative ability, presence of mind and a great many other pluses which include Mr. ROCKEFELLER's financial status. In addition, in her opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER "knows his way around". She can offer no comment concerning members of the ROCKEFELLER family, since she has never met any of them. She would recommend him for the high office for which he has been nominated and would vote for him if necessary.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

CARL SPAD, President, Capital City Associates, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally since 1958. During his 1958 campaign, Mr. SPAD said he was the nominee's chief aide, introducing him to people and handling his administrative matters. Mr. SPAD stated he was Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appointments officer and political arm for eight years. Mr. SPAD stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER is the soul of integrity and will do a fine job as Vice President of the United States. Mr. ROCKEFELLER's record as Governor and his administrative ability highly qualify him to be Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN W. VANDERVORT, Director of Public Affairs, Carrier Air Conditioning Company, Syracuse, New York advised he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1958 having worked for his Election Committee for Governor in Rochester, New York. He has since had frequent contact with ROCKEFELLER in regard to his work at Carrier and would describe ROCKEFELLER as a dedicated and dynamic individual. VANDERVORT noted that ROCKEFELLER is greatly concerned with human rights, education, health care, business and labor in the whole realm of human services and had made great advances in these areas in New York State while he was Governor.

VANDERVORT stated that ROCKEFELLER was also a great stimulus to business and his leadership in this area is unsurpassed.

VANDERVORT concluded that through his sixteen years of association with ROCKEFELLER, he knows of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character or loyalty, and is very pleased with his nomination for Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974.

HERMAN R. HILL, Vice President and General Manager, Steam Turbine Generator Products Division, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, advised that he has had only limited contact with ROCKEFELLER since he has only been in New York for a short period of time. He said he does not know of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and he would have no reservations about ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty to the United States. HILL said he is sure that ROCKEFELLER can handle a complex administrative position in the Federal Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

SVEN TUNANDER, 127 South Seward Avenue, Albany, New York, retired former manager for W. T. Grant retail store system, advised that he was casually acquainted [redacted] with the nominee as a fellow student at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. He advised that the nominee had to live on a budget set by his father like other students, and he never tried to operate on his family name. At that time, the nominee, though unassuming, was very popular and a "big man" on the campus as a result of his individual efforts and outstanding personality. ROCKEFELLER was also a member of honor societies and an outstanding student. During this period, Mr. TUNANDER had no basis to question ROCKEFELLER'S character, integrity, or loyalty and heard of no derogatory information concerning the nominee. He stated that while he has sometimes differed with the former Governor on some political viewpoints, this was merely as a resident of New York State and in no way would bar him from the nomination as Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

[redacted] Manager, International Business Machines (IBM), Endicott, New York, advised that he has had no personal or professional contact with the nominee. [redacted] additionally advised that he is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 17, 1974.

JAMES S. KELLY, President, KELLY Foundry and Machine Company, Inc., Utica, New York, (Registered Republican), advised he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER but operated his business under all of ROCKEFELLER'S terms as New York State Governor. He stated the ROCKEFELLER Administration had, overall, been good and the State improved under him. ROCKEFELLER was described as inspiring cooperation by his state agencies with both labor and business and insured that business firms were kept well apprised of available labor, area, national and even foreign markets. There was criticism of high costs of government under ROCKEFELLER but his programs, according to KELLY, were proven to be sound and productive.

ROCKEFELLER is described as one who is extremely friendly when meeting with persons on all levels and would be considered an asset in further Government service.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 22, 1974:

GEORGE RAYMOND, President, The Raymond Corporation, Greene, Chenango County, New York, advised he has met the nominee on a few occasions socially, and in the presence of others has met with him in the Capitol at Albany, New York when the nominee was Governor of New York State. Among Mr. RAYMOND'S friends and business associates, ROCKEFELLER has an extremely favorable reputation for integrity and honesty. He advised ROCKEFELLER'S character is on a level superior to most of his contemporaries.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

RAYMOND LONG, President of Singer Simulation Products Division, Binghamton, New York, advised that he met Governor ROCKEFELLER once at a social event in Albany, New York within recent years. He advised that [redacted] for Singer Simulation Products Division is associated with [redacted] who is a close confidant of Governor ROCKEFELLER and Mr. LONG commented that he has always received a positive input regarding the Governor.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 17, 1974.

JOHN HART TERRY, Former Congressman, 32nd Congressional District, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years. He was an Administrative Aide to Governor ROCKEFELLER from January 1, 1959, through April, 1961. Since that time, he has been associated with ROCKEFELLER through Republican Party functions and matters. It is noted that TERRY served in the New York State Legislature 18 years a portion of which time ROCKEFELLER was Governor of the State.

Mr. TERRY advised that he had thoroughly enjoyed his association with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he was "Honorable in all respects." He is a man of outstanding character and enjoys an excellent reputation among members of both political parties.

Mr. TERRY advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a fascinating person who has an extremely agile mind. He has the ability to comprehend the salient issues of any subject in the briefest time. He also is a good administrator. According to Mr. TERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER's morals are unquestionable and he has absolutely no reason whatsoever to question Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty. Mr. TERRY stated that he had never received any information, directly or indirectly, from any source regarding any incident which might compromise or embarrass Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's divorce was accomplished without any taint of notoriety or scandal, and was so treated by the news media. He stated that he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER without hesitation, for any position of trust.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 17, 1974.

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CHARLES A. SCHOENECK, JR., Attorney and

former New York State Republican Party Chairman, 110 Juneway Road, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER socially and professionally for in excess of 20 years. He stated that he considers him to be a hardworking, honest, intelligent, administrator who possesses high moral standards, a patriotic attitude and a deep sense of responsibility and concern for our nation and awareness of problems confronting the various levels of the American society. SCHOENECK stated that he would not hesitate to recommend the Governor for any high position of trust.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 18, 1974. b6 b7C

JAMES A. FITZPATRICK, Chairman, New York State Power Authority, was interviewed at his residence, 62 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

He has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. He was chairman of ROCKEFELLER'S Platform Committee each of the four times he ran for Governor of New York State, and has had excellent opportunity to know his political philosophy. He has liberal social views and his strong background in finance gives these an excellent balance.

ROCKEFELLER has all the qualities necessary for a position of trust and confidence. He is a loyal American, a proven administrator and a man of complete integrity, with vision and imagination.

Mr. FITZPATRICK is convinced that ROCKEFELLER is held in high esteem in Latin America, and his contacts throughout the United States and the world qualify him to a very high degree for an executive position.

RONALD B. STAFFORD, New York State Senator, 42nd Senatorial District, was interviewed at Plattsburgh, New York.

He said that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1964, when STAFFORD was working with Senator KEATING. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American of impeccable character and reputation. He feels he knows ROCKEFELLER and his policies well and greatly admires them; ROCKEFELLER believes that the United States is the strongest country in the world and considers it to be imperative that the United States maintain its strength.

ROCKEFELLER is a proven administrator who would capably fill any high Government office to which appointed.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Utica, New York: b6 b7C

ALEXANDER PIRNIE, former member of the United States House of Representatives, 31st Congressional District of New York from 1959 to 1973, currently in the private practice of law in Utica, New York, advised that he has closely followed the career of NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1958 when he and ROCKEFELLER began their campaigns together for elected office in Herkimer County, New York. He said that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER'S record of many years of public service and honest government should serve as a strong recommendation. He said that ROCKEFELLER'S education and over 25 years of service to the public, make him eminently qualified. He said that to his knowledge, there never has been the slightest hint of any shortcomings in ROCKEFELLER'S personal behavior. He added that one of the trademarks of ROCKEFELLER'S administration and staff was that he expected and received a high standard of personal conduct from those associated with him. He added that in all respects, he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER one of very few of the most qualified men in the nation who could have been selected to serve as vice president.

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INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] Syracuse Herald-Journal, Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York, stated that his association with the nominee dates back to 1959. He stated that the relationship is of a professional nature. He has personally discussed matters with ROCKEFELLER when ROCKEFELLER had visited the office of his paper during visits to the Syracuse, New York, area. He stated that he frequently disagrees with ROCKEFELLER and his political philosophy, but finds him a man with a character which cannot be impugned. He stated that he has never heard of any incident or situation which could blemish the nominee's character or reputation and he noted that his reputation is excellent, or appears to be excellent, throughout the country. [redacted] stated that the nominee's associates that are known to him are all "wholesome types". He stated that he has never heard anything derogatory about the nominee or the people who are associated and connected with him. b6 b7C

Concerning ROCKEFELLER'S administrative ability, [redacted] stated that he has a great facility for charming and handling people. However, since he personally disagrees with ROCKEFELLER's political philosophy, he has not always agreed with certain legislation passed during ROCKEFELLER's tenure as Governor of New York.

Concerning the nominee's loyalty, he stated that ROCKEFELLER's loyalty is above reproach. He described him as a man who would never do anything to harm the welfare of the United States. In closing, [redacted] stated that he would recommend the nominee for any position of trust and confidence no matter how high the administrative office might be.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974.

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[redacted] advised that he is a [redacted] Gannett News Service, Albany, New York, and has covered NELSON ROCKEFELLER since his first Governor's campaign in 1958. [redacted] said he has written his columns regarding the nominee's efforts to pass bills, his policies, and past efforts to become President. [redacted] stated he could not say enough good things about Mr. ROCKEFELLER and has the highest praise of his character and administrative ability. Mr. ROCKEFELLER always treated the press properly and in a professional way.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] advised that he has been covering the Albany political scene for Gannett News Service since 1966. [redacted] said he has written miles of articles covering NELSON ROCKEFELLER's political activities as Governor and considers him a good choice as Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] Auburn Citizen Advertiser, 25 Dill Street, Auburn, New York, advised he has met the nominee on three or four occasions in his capacity as a newspaperman covering political rallies in which the nominee was running for Governor of New York State. He also attended a budget briefing for newspapermen at Albany conducted by ROCKEFELLER. He advised he has no basis to question ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, or integrity and he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee and would recommend him favorably. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

J. LEONARD GORMAN, Executive Editor, Syracuse Post Standard, Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since he first ran for the Governorship of New York State in 1958. He has encountered him frequently as a result of his position with the Syracuse paper. He stated that he has the highest respect for ROCKEFELLER and considers him to be one of the most competent administrators that he has witnessed in State Government. Mr. GORMAN described ROCKEFELLER as a dedicated and loyal American, who is earnestly searching for the best for America and the American Democratic form of Government. In that regard, to the best of Mr. GORMAN's knowledge, he associates only with individuals who hold similar views and objectives.

Mr. GORMAN characterized ROCKEFELLER as a trustworthy man, who adheres to a high code of personal ethics. Because of his discretion on personal matters, he enjoys a reputation which has not been tainted. Mr. GORMAN stated that he would recommend, without any hesitancy whatsoever, the nominee for a governmental administrative position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

[redacted] Albany, New York, "Times Union" Newspaper, and [redacted] The Hearst Corporation, b6 b7C advised he has known ROCKEFELLER both professionally and socially for the past five years. [redacted] stated ROCKEFELLER is a sincere, honest person who is trustworthy and possesses an outstanding moral character. He advised ROCKEFELLER is an extremely competent and skilled administrator who possesses an ability to attract talented individuals into Government work. [redacted] stated he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and he knows of no derogatory information.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN B. JOHNSON, Senior Editor and Publisher, "The Watertown Daily Times" newspaper, Watertown, New York, advised that he has known former New York Governor ROCKEFELLER for a number of years, both personally and in a business sense. He estimated that he probably had contact with the nominee once a year. He noted that in 1964, he even argued with Governor ROCKEFELLER over the State Power Authority, but he feels that he, JOHNSON, won, so he certainly does not hold that against the nominee. He feels that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is a very nice and friendly individual, and a good man and knows of no derogatory information concerning his character, loyalty, associates, or ability. He said that he would recommend the nominee for a high position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

[redacted] "The Journal" newspaper, Ogdensburg, New York, advised that Governor ROCKEFELLER and he are [redacted] and that aside from this he knows him both in the political field and through the publishing field. He feels that he has had close association with the former New York Governor since before 1958, and estimates that he has contact with the nominee either personally or through correspondence approximately 10 times a year. In his opinion, Governor ROCKEFELLER has qualities of personality and character which are to be greatly admired. Governor ROCKEFELLER is above all, a man of complete integrity, of the highest ideals, and honor and he feels personally, that President FORD should be congratulated on having selected NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States. Not only does he recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for a high position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government, but he has hoped ever since GERALD FORD became President, that he would appoint NELSON ROCKEFELLER as his Vice President. b6 b7C

It is noted that JOHN B. JOHNSON, Senior Editor and Publisher, "The Watertown Daily Times" newspaper, is also the President and Treasurer of WWNY-TV, Watertown, New York.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. ROSS on August 21, 1974:

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Binghamton, New York daily newspapers, The Sun Bulletin, and The Evening Press, advised that he has met Governor ROCKEFELLER several times as a [redacted] He advised that he is aware of no information detrimental to the character, reputation, or ability of Governor ROCKEFELLER.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 16, 1974. b6 b7C

JAMES E. SCRIPPS, formerly associated with SCRIPPS-HOWARD Newspaper Alliance, now retired, Loudonville, New York, advised that although he has had no business or social contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, he knows him by reputation and has great admiration for his accomplishments, especially during his tenure as Governor. He said he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

GEORGE F. SPRING, Vice-President and General Manager, WRGB Television, Channel 6, WGY and WGFM, Schenectady, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for the past eight years. He said he has had frequent contacts with ROCKEFELLER due to the nature of his profession and he considers him to be an outstanding individual who has the highest character. He said he knows of absolutely nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and he said there is no question of ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty to the United States. SPRING said that he believes ROCKEFELLER will be able to convey to President FORD a continuing series of sound opinions on world affairs and domestic affairs. He said he knows of no family problems involving ROCKEFELLER and he would definitely recommend him for a high position with the Federal Government. He said that ROCKEFELLER conducts himself on a high professional level.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

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of WTEN, 341 Northern Boulevard, Albany, New York, advised that he has been in the New York area only since [redacted] and has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER only once personally. This occasion was a dinner held at the Governor's Mansion following a meeting of editors, publishers and broadcasters. [redacted] characterized ROCKEFELLER as an intelligent, dynamic individual who commands respect. [redacted] stated that ROCKEFELLER'S character and reputation are outstanding, having survived public scrutiny for over fifteen years. [redacted] has nothing personally derogatory regarding ROCKEFELLER but stated criticism could be heard over ROCKEFELLER'S monetary policies, which made New York State one of the highest taxed states in the nation. Overall, [redacted] stated he has "lots of respect" for NELSON ROCKEFELLER and expressed the belief that ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

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The Urban League of Albany, advised that he has worked with the Governor on behalf of the Black Community in the Capital District since 1965. [redacted] stated that the State of New York is the largest employer in the capital District and the ROCKEFELLER Administration has been responsible for upgrading and greatly expanding the employment of Blacks in various state positions. [redacted] gives ROCKEFELLER the major credit for expanding the State University System and creating the South Mall Project in downtown Albany. [redacted] said both of these projects will help to revitalize the inner city.

[redacted] described ROCKEFELLER as a person with international status who has the experience, reputation, and vision necessary to be a Vice President capable of representing all of the people.

[redacted] concluded by stating that when viewed in their entirety, ROCKEFELLER'S terms as Governor were a time of progress for Blacks in the Capital District. [redacted] highly recommended NELSON ROCKEFELLER for Vice President stating the President could not have made a better choice.

XI

INTERVIEWS OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

NORMAN TINKARD, Director of Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County, Aloi Building, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately four or five years on a professional basis. TINKARD said he first met the nominee in 1968 when he acted as a spokesman for an AD Hoc Committee meeting of minority groups from the Syracuse, New York area, along with the nominee, at a town meeting in Syracuse, New York, to discuss problems of the Black Community. TINKARD stated that he has been extremely impressed with ROCKEFELLER'S response to the problems of minority groups. He characterized the nominee as an outstanding man, with a very fine character who placed representatives of black groups in his administration. ROCKEFELLER was described as an outstanding administrator with above average organizational abilities. TINKARD stated that he bases his opinion regarding the nominee's administrative and organizational abilities on the fact that the nominee was always able to effectively relate to the problems in the minority community. TINKARD stated that President FORD'S nomination of ROCKEFELLER was an outstanding choice which he enthusiastically supports.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

CLIFFORD FORSTADT, Director, American Civil Liberties Union, State Tower Building, Syracuse, New York advised that although he has never met ROCKEFELLER, he is well aware of his position on Civil Rights and feels that he speaks for the Civil Liberties Union at large when he states that he is very pleased with the nomination of ROCKEFELLER for Vice President and believes that he will be an asset to the country.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974.

Reverend FRANKLIN J. UPTHEGROVE, Executive Director of the City of Utica, New York, Commission on Human Relations and a Negro leader in Utica, New York, advised that although he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER, he has had several contacts with the nominee and believes him to be a very dedicated and competent politician. UPTHEGROVE stated that on several occasions the nominee has shown great "presence" in handling racial problems. In addition, the nominee has shown a concern for problems of the inner city and minority groups, and is considered by Negro leaders to be especially approachable regarding minority problems. Reverend UPTHEGROVE noted he does not agree with the nominee's conservative trend of the past seven years, but feels the nominee was following a realistic political course for New York State. Reverend UPTHEGROVE highly endorsed the nominee for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

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INTERVIEWS OF UNION LEADERS

AL 161-965

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

Dr. THEODORE C. WENZEL, President, Civil Service Employees Association, a union of New York State employees, 33 Elk Street, Albany, New York, advised he knew nominee during the fifteen years nominee served as Governor of New York. He stated that as President of the union that represents the employees of the State of New York, he had limited contact with him and possibly on three occasions, socially.

Dr. WENZEL stated he found nominee to be one of the hardest working individuals he has known. He stated he feels nominee possesses outstanding ability as a leader and is dedicated to public service.

He advised he never knew nominee to be biased toward racial or ethnic groups, and never knew of anything in his background that would reflect unfavorably upon nominee's character or reputation or anything that would be a cause of embarrassment to anyone.

Dr. WENZEL stated he feels nominee is an outstanding choice to be Vice-President and he knows of no one whom he feels is more qualified or dedicated who could effectively fulfill this position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Schenectady, New York, on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

[redacted] New York State, AFL - CIO, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for approximately eight years, and he stated he personally met ROCKEFELLER as Governor on approximately one occasion each year. [redacted] stated that during meetings with ROCKEFELLER concerning labor matters, he found ROCKEFELLER to be a fair individual who, in his words, "met the needs of the people". [redacted] indicated that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER's character and integrity are beyond reproach and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning him or his associates. [redacted] stated that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the office of the Vice Presidency of the United States. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

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[redacted] for the Greater Syracuse Labor Council of the AFL-CIO, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately ten years and had one occasion to dine with the former Governor and his family approximately four years ago. He advised that he considers the nominee to be a great asset to the FORD Administration and knows of nothing derogatory whatsoever regarding him. [redacted] advised "even though I am a registered Democrat, I have voted for NELSON ROCKEFELLER". He advised that both he and the labor union that he represents are behind ROCKEFELLER 100 percent and would not hesitate for one moment to recommend him for a position of trust and responsibility as the Vice President of the United States.

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INTERVIEWS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Assistant Special Agent in Charge GEORGE R. STEEL, on August 16, 1974.

WILLIAM E. KIRWIN, Superintendent, New York State Police, Albany, New York, stated he has had a professional association with ROCKEFELLER for approximately 15 years and during that time has had nothing but the highest praise for him. He described ROCKEFELLER as a dynamic, progressive, public-minded, and exceedingly capable individual. KIRWIN added, "His (ROCKEFELLER'S) divorce situation was handled with the utmost decency."

CHARLES C. MC CLOSKEY, JR., Director, New York State Bureau for Municipal Police Training, Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, New York (MPT, DCJS), former Special Agent, FBI, and former Sheriff, Cahutauqua County, New York, advised his professional association with ROCKEFELLER dates back to 1958. In fact, he said, while Sheriff, he traveled with ROCKEFELLER extensively. He stated ROCKEFELLER is undoubtedly qualified for any position since he possesses keen insight and astute judgement in all matters. He remarked ROCKEFELLER "has done more for professional law enforcement in the state of New York than any man in history." He highly endorsed him.

WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, Deputy Director, MPT, DCJS, and former Special Agent, FBI, said his professional association with ROCKEFELLER exceeds four years and he has had knowledge by reputation exceeding 16 years. He described ROCKEFELLER as "one of the best Governors in the United States, who is liberal in a conservative fashion."

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 8/17/74. b6 b7C

Chief of Police EDWARD MC ARDLE, Albany, New York, Democrat, advised that he has met Governor ROCKEFELLER socially on one or two occasions, but has never worked closely with him in any capacity.

Chief MC ARDLE advised that in his official capacity as Police Chief of the city of Albany, he has never heard anyone speak in an unfavorable manner regarding ROCKEFELLER'S morals, character, reputation, or loyalty to the Government of the United States.

Chief MC ARDLE advised that Governor ROCKEFELLER, to his knowledge, enjoys an excellent reputation as an administrator and as an executive.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on 8/18/74.

JOHN M. PERHACH, Sheriff, Broome County, New York, advised that he has had a long-standing

association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER and would highly recommend him for any position involving trust and confidence. Sheriff PERHACH advised that ROCKEFELLER is an individual of outstanding character and abilities.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] in August 18, 1974.

GEORGE A. MURPHY, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc., Oneida, New York, (Republican), advised he has had close personal and official contacts with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past 15 years, and considers him an outstanding person. MURPHY stated ROCKEFELLER's abilities and warm personality would make him extremely suitable for a high Government position and he might be just the person needed to restore public trust in the Government.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT SPONABLE, Sheriff, Cayuga County, Auburn, New York, advised he has only met ROCKEFELLER on a couple of occasions when ROCKEFELLER was campaigning for the Governorship in the Auburn, New York area. He advised he knows nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and has no reason to question his character, integrity or loyalty and on his general reputation, would recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

JOHN T. COSTELLO, Chief of Police, Auburn, New York, and an FBI National Academy graduate, advised that he has only met ROCKEFELLER on a couple of occasions in the Auburn, New York, area when ROCKEFELLER was campaigning for the Governorship and COSTELLO'S department provided security. He stated the nominee was always courteous and respectful on contacts and he has no basis to question his character, integrity, or loyalty and he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

JOSEPH J. BENENATI, Jr., Sheriff of Chenango County, Norwich, New York advised he first met Governor ROCKEFELLER in 1956 or 1957 and has met him several times since then. Governor ROCKEFELLER'S reputation among the law enforcement communities of Upstate New York is most favorable. His administrative expertise was instrumental in improving the effectiveness of the New York State Police and because of this, Governor ROCKEFELLER earned the endeared nickname, "ROCKY, The Cop." Governor ROCKEFELLER will undoubtedly perform very well as Vice President of the United States, according to Sheriff BENENATI.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

PAUL E. GUAY, Sheriff, Clinton County, Plattsburgh, New York, a registered Republican, has known ROCKEFELLER in an official capacity for sixteen years. He considers him to be loyal and of excellent character. He knows of no blemishes on his record of any kind, but stated that ROCKEFELLER would not have been his first choice for the position of Vice President. He does think that ROCKEFELLER will help a great deal with foreign policy and economic factors and will bring critical issues to the forefront and help to solve them in the best possible way.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

LEVON A. TELIAN, Sheriff, Delaware County, Delhi, New York, advised that he has met the nominee on several occasions but is not personally acquainted with him. He advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee and it is his opinion that the nominee will do a very good job as Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

[redacted] was located at [redacted] New York. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D advised he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions, however, no personal relationship was ever developed. [redacted] advised he knows of nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, or associates. [redacted] stated, however, that he would not recommend ROCKEFELLER for any high Federal position since he believes that ROCKEFELLER would favor big business over the public interest. [redacted] said this opinion is based on his observation of the nominee during his tenure as Governor of the State of New York.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

IRVING P. ANGEL, Jefferson County, New York, Sheriff, and a graduate of the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for a number of years in connection with escort and protection activity when the Governor visited the Northern New York area. As far as he can recall, he has met the Governor perhaps four times. He knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, or ability and considers him a great executive officer. He has never met any members of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's family. He feels that he can recommend the former New York State Governor very highly and without any reservation for the position to which ROCKEFELLER has been nominated.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974:

THOMAS J. SARDINO, Chief of Police, Syracuse, New York, Police Department, Syracuse, New York, stated that he had met the nominee infrequently while he has performed as a ranking police officer and more recently as the Chief of Police. These encounters which have occurred over the past ten years, were of a professional nature and SARDINO stated that he has never had any reason to doubt the loyalty of the nominee. He advised that the nominee was especially proficient in the preparation and passing of bills relating to law enforcement. He described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American whose character is beyond criticism. He stated that as a police officer he has never received any derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER and would recommend him for a high administrative position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] Bureau of Criminal Investigations, New York State Police, Syracuse, New York, advised that he assisted the Governor's Protection Detail frequently during [redacted] years. During that time, he observed ROCKEFELLER at numerous political and business functions. He was also in a position to observe the Governor when he was out of the public eye. He stated that he was impressed with the Governor's personal conduct both in public and private situations. He advised that the Governor is a social drinker only. He treats everyone with respect and dignity and is a very charitable person. His statements never indicated that he was anything other than a loyal American. [redacted] stated that he has never received any information, directly or indirectly, which might embarrass the nominee. b6 b7C

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INTERVIEWS OF EDUCATORS

AL 161 965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted], on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Dr. ALBERT T. SKINNER, President, Auburn Community College, Auburn, New York, advised he personally met the nominee when ROCKEFELLER was the speaker at the Auburn Community College, about 15 years ago. He said he has been present at several college conventions where ROCKEFELLER appeared as the speaker, and has corresponded with him regarding college financing in New York State.

Despite no close contact, Dr.SKINNER said he has been an admirer of ROCKEFELLER and was a subscriber as one of a group of academicians in support of ROCKEFELLER for the nomination as the Republican Party candidate for President in 1968. Dr. SKINNER advised he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee, has no basis to question his character, integrity, or loyalty, and would highly recommend him.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

CLIFFORD D. CLARK, Acting President, State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has had limited professional contact with the nominee. Mr. CLARK advised that he was employed as a research assistant to a commission studying workmen's compensation procedures in New York State approximately ten years ago. The commission reported to ROCKEFELLER who accepted the recommendations which were unfavorable to his administration and then instituted the appropriate action. Mr. CLARK advised that the situation could have been ignored or whitewashed by the nominee; however, he accepted the recommended action and did not attempt to hide anything. Mr. CLARK is unaware of any derogatory information concerning the nominee.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 21, 1974:

DR. SIGMUND A. SMITH, President of Broome Community College, Binghamton, New York advised that in 1966, he was Vice President for Administration at Buffalo College, Buffalo, New York. In this capacity, he worked closely with Governor ROCKEFELLER's advance men and representatives of the New York State Police in planning visits the Governor made to the college. Dr. SMITH never heard any derogatory comments regarding the reputation or character of Governor ROCKEFELLER from the representatives of the New York State Police or the Governor's Advance Men. The persons with whom Dr. SMITH came in contact always spoke very highly of Governor ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

WILLIAM F. KENNAUGH, President, State University Agricultural and Technical College, Delhi, New York, advised that he had met the nominee when he had appeared at the college campus as well as at convocations in Albany, New York. He stated that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee but considers him to be a man of foresight and vision. He stated that ROCKEFELLER saw the need for higher education in the State of New York and was greatly responsible for an improved State University system within the State. He advised that he was favorably impressed by the appointments made by ROCKEFELLER, especially in the area of higher education and feels that he is an exceptionally good choice for Vice President of the United States. He advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

[redacted] Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, advised that he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he is familiar with several of ROCKEFELLER'S appointments to the Board of Regents and the Commission for Higher Education in New York State. He advised that the people ROCKEFELLER appointed had been highly recommended and were excellent choices for their positions. He advised that the college never objected to ROCKEFELLER's policies while he was Governor of New York State and he feels ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President.

DR. CLIFFORD J. CRAVEN, President, State University College at Oneonta, Oneonta, New York, advised that he has never met ROCKEFELLER and does not feel that he can comment on ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty or associates, as he does not have any information other than what he reads in the newspapers on which to base his judgments. He stated, however, from what he has read in the newspapers, he feels that ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974.

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[redacted] for Academic Affairs, Plattsburgh State University College, Plattsburgh, New York, has known the nominee for several years and has met him personally several times each year. He feels that the nominee is a man of excellent character, loyalty and reputation. He thinks this is a great nomination as ROCKEFELLER is a tremendously effective person who will make an excellent teammate for President FORD in both domestic and foreign policy. He will persuade the top minds in the country to come to work for the United States.

GILBERT A. DUKEN, Principal, Broad Street School, Plattsburgh, New York, a Democrat, stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER and is very much impressed by his personality, character and ability. He feels the nominee has proved over the years that he is an excellent administrator. He is a splendid candidate for the office of Vice President of the United States.

[redacted], Educator, and Member of the Plattsburgh State University College Council, Plattsburgh, New York, stated that she has known ROCKEFELLER for several years and thinks he is a person of excellent personality, ability, and adminstrative experience. He is versed in domestic and foreign affairs and she sincerely hopes he will be confirmed as Vice President.

Mrs. GLADYS G. MC SHANE, Executive Director, Clinton County Association for Retarded Children, Plattsburgh, New York, a Republican, stated that she is fully in favor of the nomination of ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. He has proven his ability as an administrator and has tremendously increased the opportunities for education in New York State. He is concerned with the rights and dignity of people and will be a fine Vice President, according to Mrs. MC SHANE.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

JAMES J. FITZGIBBONS, President, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, New York, advised he has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER professionally for over fifteen years. President FITZGIBBONS has been with the State Education System since 1949 and has been very active in legislative matters concerning higher education and, through this association, has met with former Governor ROCKEFELLER on many occasions. He described ROCKEFELLER as a person of outstanding character and integrity who understood the problems of educators and who was also alert and knowledgeable during these sessions. He stated ROCKEFELLER told members of the Education Committees how he felt on particular issues and was not the type of individual who would promise things that he knew he could not deliver. He stated that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and knows of no derogatory information pertaining to him or his family which would be a bar to his holding such a high office.

AL 161-695

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] to President CHARLES U. WALKER, Russell Sage College, Troy, New York, advised that President WALKER is currently on vacation and not expected to return to Troy for at least another week. [redacted] advised that WALKER has been at Russell Sage College for only four years and to his knowledge is not personally acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

[redacted] to RICHARD J. GROSH, President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, advised that President GROSH is currently on vacation and will not return to Troy before Labor Day. She stated that President GROSH has been in Troy less than three years and to her knowledge, is not personally acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 18, 1974. b6 b7C

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, advised that he has spoken with Governor ROCKEFELLER on two occasions at RPI. [redacted] stated that ROCKEFELLER has done a great deal for higher education for the State of New York. ROCKEFELLER is a defender of the regents scholarship system and his actions in the field of education have been very favorable to private institutions of higher learning. [redacted] stated that he thinks ROCKEFELLER is a good man and is very favorably impressed with him.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

JOSEPH C. FRANGELLA, President, Fran Mushroom Company, Ravena, New York, advised he is Chairman of the Republican Committee, Albany County, New York. He stated he first met nominee in 1958 when nominee was running for the office of Governor, State of New York and he, Mr. FRANGELLA, was a Republican Committeeman. He stated from that time forward, he has had a close personal relationship with the nominee. He stated he has known the nominee to be an honest and honorable man of impeccable character and reputation.

Mr. FRANGELLA stated he has always found the nominee to be a very candid and straightforward person and in dealing with people around him will not tolerate those of questionable morals or character.

Mr. FRANGELLA stated nominee, as Governor, never seemed to let political party affiliation interfere in making appointments, but rather used the person's ability as the criteria.

He stated there is no question in his mind but that nominee is a loyal American and feels he is fully capable and most qualified to carry out the duties of Vice President. He said he could only give the highest of recommendations for the nominee.

XV

INTERVIEWS OF POLITICAL LEADERS

AL 161-965

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974, at Plattsburgh, NY.

BERNARD AMELL, Chairman, Clinton County Democratic Committee advised he does not know ROCKEFELLER personally but feels he was a good Governor and would be a good Vice President of the United States. He fully approves of the nominee's character, loyalty, and associates, and stated that "the only thing wrong with him is that he is a Republican."

JAMES H. ANDRE, Chairman, Clinton County Republican Committee, stated that he has known the nominee for three or four years, but knows a great deal about him for the last twenty years. He highly approves of his character, administrative ability, and efficiency. He is sure he is a loyal American, who would do an excellent job in foreign relations as well as in domestic affairs. He recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] New York, advised that he has had no contact whatsoever with ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he believes ROCKEFELLER is an honorable man and knows of no dishonesty or corruption in his administration as Governor of New York State. He advised that he feels ROCKEFELLER lacks the ability to make delicate decisions; however, he is of the opinion ROCKEFELLER is probably as good as a selection as the Republican Party could come up with for Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C b7D

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

GERALD FORCIER, President, Chazy and Westport Telephone Company, Westport, New York, and Chairman, Essex County Republican Party, advised he has only met ROCKEFELLER on a few occasions and these occasions were primarily reception lines or public meetings, and therefore, no personal or professional relationship exists. FORCIER advised he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee's character, reputation, or associates, and has no doubt concerning the nominee's loyalty to the United States. FORCIER advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent administrator as demonstrated during his tenure as Governor of the State of New York, and therefore, FORCIER stated he would recommend him highly for any Federal position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21 and 22, 1974: b6 b7C

EARL FARBER, Hamilton County, New York, Republican Chairman and the County Clerk, who resides in the Town of Morehouse, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for about 15 years. Their association has been strictly political except for one social contact in a group. Mr. FARBER said he and most of the Hamilton County residents are extremely conservative financially and ROCKEFELLER is not known to share their views in this regard, this in no way alters the fact that Mr. FARBER has an extremely high regard for ROCKEFELLER. He highly recommended him for Vice President, mentioning that anything ROCKEFELLER ever promised he delivered and he, therefore, feels him to be very trustworthy. He said that ROCKEFELLER enjoys an excellent reputation, is a competent administrator of unquestioned loyalty to the United States and he associates with reputable individuals.

HERMON BENJAMIN of the Town of Dresden, New York, who is the County Republican Chairman and [redacted] Treasurer of Washington County, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. They have had minimal social contact except in large public groups and most of their contact has been political. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency, feeling he is a highly capable administrator and a loyal American of excellent character and morals whose associates are reputable persons.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974. b6 b7C

H. BEN MITCHEL, Jefferson County, New York Clerk and Chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Committee who resides in Watertown, New York, advised that he has had contact through the years with the nominee on a political basis and has been in contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER in one form or another perhaps once or twice a year. There is no question in his mind whatever as to Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S character, loyalty, associates, ability, integrity, or honesty. He is not personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the extent that he can comment on any of his personal qualities. He has never met any of Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S children; however, he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S first wife and current wife, and has the highest regard for them. He feels that he can most certainly recommend the former New York State Governor for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

WILLIAM H. FRANCHELL, Madison County Democratic Chairman, 436 Washington Avenue, Oneida, New York, stated he does not know the nominee personally. FRANCHELL stated; however, that the nominee has a reputation for fairmindedness, integrity, administrative ability and dedication to public service. FRANCHELL stated he believes the nominee will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.

PETER W. MITCHELL, Madison County Republican Party Chairman, 5 Mill Street, Cazenovia, New York, stated he does not know the nominee personally but the nominee enjoys an excellent reputation for personal integrity, political know-how, administrative ability and loyalty, and he would highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

EDWARD F. MC DONOUGH, Democratic Chairman, Rensselaer County, Troy, New York, advised that the essence of his association with ROCKEFELLER has been of a political nature and that he has only known ROCKEFELLER as a public figure. He said he has never personally met ROCKEFELLER. MC DONOUGH advised that he has no reason not to think ROCKEFELLER's character and loyalty are above reproach. MC DONOUGH advised that ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability will be an asset to the office of the Vice President and that he would recommend him highly for that position. MC DONOUGH said that he knows of no derogatory information that would preclude him from being Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

THOMAS J. LOWERY, JR., Chairman, Democratic Party of Onondaga County, Mony Plaza, Syracuse, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER professionally for approximately ten years. He stated that he was appointed to the New York State Lottery Commission in 1970 by the nominee; however, he has had only limited personal contact with the nominee. He characterized the nominee as an excellent American, of the very highest character and morals, who has always associated with individuals of the same caliber. ROCKEFELLER is described as an outstanding administrator who never hesitated to cross party lines in appointing a man the nominee believed was the right man for a position. LOWERY highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

JAMES R. FOLEY, Saratoga County Republican Chairman, Saratoga Springs, New York, advised that he has been associated with ROCKEFELLER politically for 12 years, and considers him to be a loyal American, whose character is above reproach. Concerning ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability, FOLEY described ROCKEFELLER as a "doer", willing to take advice and listen to all the people. He advised that ROCKEFELLER possesses the ability to attract competent individuals to fill positions who are the most qualified. FOLEY advised that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for a high position with the United States Government and that to his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER's reputation is above reproach. FOLEY stated that he has no information of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

GARY LEE was interviewed and advised he is the past Tompkins County, New York, Chairman of the Republican Party, and the current Chairman of the Tompkins County Board of Representatives. LEE advised he is also the Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He stated he has known ROCKEFELLER for ten years. He stated he has met ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions at political meetings in Steuben and Tompkins Counties, New York. He stated he has been invited to ROCKEFELLER's residence on two occasions and visited him and his family then on a social basis.

LEE stated he last saw ROCKEFELLER in 1970 in Ithaca, New York, at which time he consulted with him on political matters. LEE advised he considers ROCKEFELLER to be of excellent character and would give him his highest vote of confidence. LEE highly recommended him for the position to which he has been nominated.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21 and 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Mrs. JOAN HAGUE, Rolling Ridge, Queensbury, New York, Vice Chairman, Warren County Republican Committee and County Jury Commissioner, stated she has known ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. She knows him professionally and has had social contact through political receptions. She also has had some contact through work she has done on his campaigns. She highly recommends him for his executive and administrative ability, moral character and his loyalty to the United States. She highly recommends him for Vice President.

CARL DE SANTIS, 113 Auction Road, Queensbury, New York, Warren County Republican Committee Chairman, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1964 mostly through politics with periodic contacts in large groups. He differs in political thought with ROCKEFELLER's fiscal approach in New York State, feeling he spent too much of the taxpayers' money but he has never questioned ROCKEFELLER's sincerity insofar as his feeling that the money was being well spent. Mr. DE SANTIS characterized himself as a fiscal conservative and said this in no way deters him from highly recommending ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President. He feels ROCKEFELLER is strong in administrative and executive ability and is of excellent moral character and associates. His loyalty to the United States Government is without question.

JAMES MURPHY, Attorney, former Mayor of Saratoga Springs, New York, and Administrative Assistant to United States Representative CARLETON J. KING, 26 Division Street, Saratoga Springs, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past ten years. Most of their contact has been through political circles with some social contact through political functions. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and stated his administrative and executive abilities are excellent. He advised he has no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty, morals, or character, and said his associates are above reproach.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974 at Norwich, Vermont:

HENRY BLACK, Attorney, White River Junction, Vermont, advised he has known the nominee for over ten years and in 1964 he had been the Vermont State Chairman of the nominee's Presidential campaign. He stated that he considers the nominee to be a man of integrity and honor and that he would most highly endorse him as the Vice President of the United States.

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ALLEGATIONS AGAINST NOMINEE
AND RELATED INVESTIGATION

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] was interviewed concerning NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and advised [redacted] has observed ROCKEFELLER in his political life since [redacted] met him on several social occasions, [redacted] could not say [redacted] knows ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] does not question ROCKEFELLER's morals, character, or loyalty to the United States; however, [redacted] said that ROCKEFELLER is a poor choice, in [redacted] opinion, for the position of Vice President. [redacted] feels that ROCKEFELLER has distorted issues to his own advantage and has made the State Legislature subservient to the Executive Branch of Government. [redacted] said that ROCKEFELLER has used loopholes in the State Constitution and in the legal structure for the benefit of the Executive Branch. [redacted] does not think ROCKEFELLER had been a good chief executive for New York State and said [redacted] would not recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States. [redacted] said that ROCKEFELLER has basically run a one-man show in New York, and is not the type of individual who should be introduced into the Federal Executive Branch.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had informed [redacted] in the past that [redacted] that ROCKEFELLER had used his influence to obtain very cheap leases on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for some of his friends. [redacted] could provide no further information concerning this allegation.

[redacted] could not provide any further specific details concerning ROCKEFELLER's management of the State Government other than [redacted] feeling that he has misused his power.

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The following investigation was conducted at Albany, New York by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ARNOLD R. FISHER, Commissioner, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that he has been associated with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a professional and political basis for approximately 20 years. FISHER indicated that he first became acquainted with ROCKEFELLER while he, FISHER, was the County Leader of the Republican Party in Madison County. FISHER advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER an honest individual of "untouchable integrity" and stated that he is a "tremendous administrator". FISHER advised that ROCKEFELLER has been very careful in the selection of his staff members and would not tolerate any misconduct on their part. FISHER stated that to his knowledge all of ROCKEFELLER'S associates and friends are "high caliber individuals". FISHER advised that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER and he has no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. FISHER stated that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President and he feels that ROCKEFELLER will do a "great job" in this office.

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JAMES L. BIGGANE, Commissioner, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER on both a professional and political basis for approximately 20 years. BIGGANE indicated that he is closely associated with ROCKEFELLER'S [redacted] who BIGGANE advised was deeply involved in [redacted] movements. BIGGANE stated that ROCKEFELLER is of "sterling character" and he considers him a "good straight honest man, with a lot of integrity". BIGGANE advised that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is an excellent administrator and organizer and he, at all times, maintains a highly qualified staff. BIGGANE stated that all of ROCKEFELLER'S associates are "top notch individuals" and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER or his associates. BIGGANE advised that he has no reason to question ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty to the United States Government and he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President, noting that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER is the best choice for the job that President FORD could have made.

Mr. BIGGANE was specifically questioned concerning b6
the allegation that ROCKEFELLER had used his influence to obtain b7C
very cheap leases on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for some
of his friends. BIGGANE stated that this allegation was not
true, as the Adirondack Preserve is a part of the Forest Reserve
in New York State consisting of 2,400,000 acres which must be
kept wild and cannot be leased, sold or exchanged per Article 14,
Section 1 of the New York State Constitution. BIGGANE advised
that it is his direct responsibility by law to administer the
Adirondack Preserve and he reiterated that there is no truth to
this allegation. BIGGANE did indicate that [redacted]
to his knowledge, presently owns approximately
[redacted] acres in the Adirondack - [redacted] area, and his
cousin, AVERY ROCKEFELLER (now deceased), did own some property
near the Saranac Lake area; however, he indicated that these
properties had no connection with the Adirondack Preserve.
BIGGANE stated that also to his knowledge, he is aware that
[redacted] did at one time, own some property
in the Adirondacks; however, this property was given to an
unrecalled educational institution and had no connection with
the Adirondack Preserve.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

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Assemblyman CLARENCE D. RAPPLEYEA, Jr., [redacted] Norwich, New York, a Republican, advised that he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis but has had several professional contacts with him on the floor of the Legislature and has been in his company socially on occasions at the Governor's Mansion.

RAPPLEYEA advised that ROCKEFELLER was an excellent administrator while Governor of New York and presented his programs to the Legislature in a forceful, honest and persuasive manner. ROCKEFELLER was always available for consultation among both majority and minority members of the Legislature, possessed tremendous personal stamina and exercised good judgement in many of his decisions and appointments.

RAPPLEYEA stated he does not know ROCKEFELLER's family and, therefore, cannot comment regarding them. He advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an honest, trustworthy person of irreproachable character, morals, and reputation and a thoroughly loyal American. He said that he would recommend him without reservation for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

RAPPLEYEA advised that ROCKEFELLER was always considered to be a very strong and forceful executive. He said that he knows of no instances wherein ROCKEFELLER has ever distorted issues to his own advantage in an attempt to subvert the Legislature. He stated that any allegations to the effect that ROCKEFELLER used his influence to obtain cheap leases on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for his friends are entirely without basis in fact and would be regarded by him as strictly "street talk" promulgated by ROCKEFELLER's political enemies.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]. on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Senator RONALD B. STAFFORD, New York State Senator, 43rd Senatorial District, a Republican, was interviewed at Plattsburgh, New York. He stated that there is no way in which anyone can lease State property in the Adirondack Preserve. He stated the nearest thing that he knows of to a lease is the permit issued to individuals for tent platforms in the Adirondack Preserve. He said these cost a very small annual flaterate, the rate being the same for everyone. He said this program is being phased out.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] New York, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted] in November, 1958, resigned as Chairman of the New York State PSC because of [redacted] Deputy Chairman [redacted] automatically assumed the office as Acting Chairman until incumbent Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER took office January 1, 1959, at which time he appointed his running mate, JAMES A. LUNDY, to the position of PSC Chairman. LUNDY was the unsuccessful candidate on the ROCKEFELLER ticket for the office of State Comptroller.

[redacted] stated that the PSC took tremendous pride in being a non-political commission not influenced by any politicians, Democratic or Republican. He stated [redacted] there was not the slightest inclination of pressure brought on the PSC to give favorable recommendations for rate increases on any public utility under its control. [redacted] stated that at all times there were one or more requests pending by Consolidated Edison for rate increases as there are presently and that naturally rate increases are granted following sufficient evidence being produced by the public utility.

[redacted] stated [redacted] vaguely recalls [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Mr. Brown, former director of the Off-Track Betting Commission, New York State, advised he held that position from October, 1970, until his retirement in January, 1974. He stated the Off-Track Betting Commission was abolished on July 1, 1973, and the current New York State Racing and Wagering Board was established. He said he is a Republican although he has not been active in politics. He advised he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959, and has met with him on several occasions, including business conferences and social functions, some of which were held in the Governor's Mansion in Albany, New York. He said ROCKEFELLER'S morals, character, and loyalty to the United States are above question. He stated he considers him to be an individual of high standards and said he is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President. He knows absolutely nothing of a derogatory nature pertaining to him."

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D New York, who is also employed as the [redacted] advised he has known [redacted] for several years. [redacted] stated that his dealings with [redacted] have been through [redacted] meetings, and [redacted] He described [redacted] as being a very outspoken individual who appears well educated and articulate. [redacted] is evidently a [redacted] advised [redacted] consider [redacted] to be an odd-ball who certainly approaches community issues in a different light.

Specifically [redacted] stated he has had problems with [redacted] which have included complaints concerning [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted] has had several other controversial ideas such as [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

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[redacted] New York, advised he has been acquainted with [redacted] for approximately [redacted] years. He described [redacted] as a highly opinionated, persistent and articulate individual who is easily provoked by [redacted] issues. He is a self-styled crusader of individuals' rights [redacted]

[redacted] stated he is not personally or professionally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated [redacted] is a [redacted] who is considered [redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

[redacted], New York State Department of State, was questioned concerning his knowledge of the probe of the ROCKEFELLER campaign funds during ROCKEFELLER'S campaign for Governor in 1966. [redacted] stated that under the state law at that time candidates for the office of Governor were required to file expense records with the Secretary of State's Office and these records were only examined by the Secretary of State to determine if they were sworn to. [redacted] advised that these records were open for examination and review by the press and the public and it was not the responsibility of the Secretary of State's Office to examine these records to determine the candidates' financing for the office of Governor. [redacted] stated that under the law at that time expense records for these candidates were retained for three years and thereafter destroyed. [redacted] advised that during this period [redacted] he vaguely recalled the above inquiry, but indicated that it is a common occurrence for the Secretary of State's Office to receive calls from various individuals after an election to complain about financing of these campaigns; however, he indicated that this matter did not fall within their jurisdiction. [redacted] did indicate that he did not recall any court action being taken against ROCKEFELLER for the above incident. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that under a new law in New York State which went into effect on June 1, 1974, the responsibility of accepting and maintaining the expense records of the candidates has been transferred to the State Board of Elections. [redacted] advised that under the new law a candidate for Governor cannot spend more than $4,600,000 on his campaign and these expense records are now maintained for five years.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

[redacted] State Board of Elections, 162 Washington Avenue, advised that the State of New York does presently require candidates and committees to file forms with the state regarding expenditures for various political candidates. [redacted] stated that [redacted] June 1, 1974, [redacted] a new law was passed designating an individual in charge of the scrutinizing expenditures by b6 b7C

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candidates. He stated prior to [redacted] the new law of June 1, 1974, there was no one in State Government who reviewed records of expenditures submitted by candidates or committees. He stated that the records were open to the public and it was usually the news media or other candidates who had lost elections who scrutinized the expenditures of those who won the elections. He stated that the State of New York previously kept the forms which were filed for three years. He stated under present law the forms are now kept for five years. He stated that any such forms for the years 1966 or 1970 have been destroyed. [redacted] was asked if it was possible that the forms for former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER may have been kept for historical value and he stated, "No," that they would have been automatically destroyed along with other documents which have been held for three years. He stated that they presently have no records of campaign expenditures filed by former Governor ROCKEFELLER or committees which contributed to his campaigns.

[redacted] was recontacted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 24, 1974. [redacted] stated [redacted] some records are not readily available, but limited research has disclosed that the 1966 election would have been governed by the old penal law effective September 1, 1966. Section 781 of the penal law (copy set forth hereinafter) was applicable and specified a maximum expenditure of $20,000 per candidate and $20,000 for committees which would make a $40,000 maximum. He added, however, that the law contained terminology "solely" which allowed for authorization of multiple committees thus enabling circumvention of the law. [redacted] continued that Section 455 (attached), specified the sum of 10 cents for each voter enrolled in such candidate's party in the political subdivision in which he is a candidate and a registered voter.

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The McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York, Annotated, Book 17, Election Law information, Section 455, set forth herein specifies limitation of amounts to be expended by or for candidates, as mentioned by [redacted]

[redacted] reiterated that no records have been maintained concerning any of the above-mentioned elections and stressed that finances were a matter for public and news media scrutiny during the appropriate period. Since, according to [redacted], no suits were filed with regard to any of the campaigns of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER by opponents, he can only speculate that it was made a matter of issue by opponents for a short time in the press and subsequently dropped.

The New York Legislative Manual 1969 and 1970 for Republican Party enrollment, lists the total Republican enrollment in 1969 for use in the 1970 primary as 3,053,398.

§ 781. Limitation of amounts to be expended by or for candidates

1. The total amount expended by a candidate for a public office, voted for at an election, by the qualified electors of the state or any political subdivision thereof, for any of the purposes specified in section seven hundred and sixty-seven of this chapter, for contributions to political committees, as that term is defined in section three hundred twenty of the election law, or for any purpose tending in any way, directly or indirectly, to promote, or aid in securing his nomination and election shall not exceed the amount specified herein. By a candidate for governor, the sum of twenty thousand dollars; by a candidate for any other elective state office, other than a judicial office, the sum of twelve thousand dollars; by a candidate for the office of representative in congress or presidential elector, the sum of eight thousand dollars; by a candidate for the office of state senator, the sum of four thousand dollars; by a candidate for the office of member of assembly, the sum of two thousand dollars; by a candidate for any other public office to be voted for by the qualified electors of a county, city, town or village, or any part thereof, if the total number of votes cast therein for all candidates for the office of governor at the last preceding state election, shall be five thousand or less, the sum of one thousand dollars; if the total number of votes cast therein at such last preceding state election be in excess of five thousand, the sum of six dollars for each one hundred votes in excess of such number may be added to the amounts above specified. Any candidate for a public office who shall expend for the purposes above mentioned an amount in excess of the sum herein specified shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. The amount expended in the election of an individual candidate by all committees taking part solely in his election and by all persons other than the candidate shall not exceed in all the amount authorized by the preceding subdivision to be expended by such candidate. Any person who knowingly shall aid or participate in the expenditure for the purposes mentioned in this subdivision of an amount in excess of the amount specified in this subdivision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. As amended L.1922, c. 641, § 10; L.1947, c. 66; L.1953, c. 365, eff. March 30, 1953.

§ 455. Limitation of amounts to be expended by or for candidates

1. The total amount expended by a candidate for a public office or a party position voted for at a primary or general or special election, by the qualified electors of the state or any political subdivision thereof, for any of the purposes specified in section four hundred thirty-nine of this chapter, for contributions to political committees, as that term is defined in section three hundred twenty of the election law, or for any purpose tending in any way, directly or indirectly, to promote, or aid in securing, such nomination or election shall not exceed the amounts specified herein.

a. In any primary election for party position the sum of ten cents for each voter enrolled in such candidate's party in the political subdivision in which he is a candidate.

b. In any primary election for nomination for a public office the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars if the total number of voters enrolled in the candidate's party in the political subdivision in which he is a candidate shall be twenty-five thousand or less; if the total number of voters enrolled in such candidate's party in such political subdivision shall be in excess of twenty-five thousand, the sum of ten dollars for each one hundred enrolled voters in excess of such number may be added. When such primary election is for state-wide office such candidate may spend an amount not to exceed the sum of ten cents for each voter enrolled in said candidate's party in the entire state.

c. In any general or special election if the total number of votes cast in such political subdivision for all candidates for the office of governor at the last preceding state election shall be fifty thousand or less, the sum of five thousand dollars; if the total number of votes cast in such political subdivision at such last preceding state election be in excess of fifty thousand, the sum of ten dollars for each one hundred votes in excess of such number may be added to the amounts above specified.

d. Any candidate for a public office who shall expend for the purposes above mentioned an amount in excess of the sum herein specified shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. The amount expended in the election of an individual candidate by all committees taking part solely in his election and by all persons other than the candidate shall not exceed in all the amount authorized by the preceding subdivision to be expended by such candidate. Any person who knowingly shall aid or participate in the expenditure for the purposes mentioned in this subdivision of an amount in excess of the amount specified in this subdivision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Added L.1965, c. 1031, § 43; amended L.1968, c. 854, eff. June 22, 1968.

Subd. 1, opening par., formerly part of entire subdivision, amended L.1968, c. 854, eff. June 22, 1968. L.1968 inserted "or a party position" and "primary or general or special"; substituted "a" for "an", "such nomination" for "and election," and "amounts" for "amount", and omitted provision specifying specific amounts to which candidates for enumerated offices are limited in their expenditures.

Subd. 1, pars. a-c, added L.1968, c. 854, eff. June 22, 1968.

Subd. 1, par. d, formerly last sentence of entire subdivision, designated d, L.1968, c. 854, eff. June 22, 1968.

Section derived from Penal Law of 1909, § 781; amended L.1922, c. 641, § 10; L.1947, c. 66; L.1953, c. 365; repealed by Penal Law of 1965, § 500.05, eff. Sept. 1, 1967.

Said section 781 was from Penal Code § 41z(c), L.1881, c. 676; added L.1907, c. 584, § 1.

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The following individuals advised that they were not personally acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and, therefore, declined to make any comment regarding him:

Doctor J. MARTIN CAROVANO, President, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York

JOHN H. SPAIN, U. S. Magistrate, Troy, New York

KENNETH P. WHITING, JR., Broome County, New York Family Court Judge, Binghamton, New York

JOHN H. PENNOCK, Supreme Court Judge, State of New York, Albany, New York

DAVID F. LEE, New York State Supreme Court Justice, Norwich, New York

[redacted] United States Marshal, District of Vermont, Rutland, Vermont

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XVIII

ARREST CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on March 26, 1969: b6 b7C

Lieutenant [redacted] Identification Division, Albany Police Department, advised that there was no record in the files of that department for Governor ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] Identification Division, Albany, New York Police Department, advised he could locate no records in their files identifiable with the nominee and his wife. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

Chief of Police ROBERT VAN NESS, Middlebury, Vermont Police Department, advised that his records contain no record for the nominee's [redacted]. b6 b7C

XIX

NEWSPAPER MORGUE

AL 161-965

The following newspaper articles were taken from various editions of the "Times Union", a daily newspaper published in Albany, New York. Selected from the voluminous materials available were only these items concerning NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S stand on controversal issues. They are grouped by subject matter as follows:

A. ABORTION

B. CRIME

C. DRUGS

D. EDUCATION

E. HUMAN RIGHTS

F. SOUTH MALL

G. U. S. POLICY

H. WATERGATE

I. WELFARE

J. CAMPAIGN FINANCES

CATEGORY A. - ABORTION

Rocky Signs Abortion Bill

APR 12 1970

By JOE PICCHI
Capitol Correspondent

Governor Rockefeller signed into law, Saturday the virtual elimination of all restrictions against abortions in New York State starting July 1.

The sweeping reform measure passed the Senate by a 31-26 vote on Friday and the Assembly by a 76-73 vote on Thursday after extensive emotional de-

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bate.

Under the new law, a woman may have a legal abortion up to 24 weeks into her pregnancy with the consent of a physician.

The only allowances for abortions under the present law—if a mother's life is endangered—is also included in the new statute.

Rockefeller' quick action comes hours after Terence Cardinal Cooke, speaking on behalf of Catholic bishops throughout the state, urged that the governor reject the changes.

The New York State Catholic Committee in a telegram sent by Albany's Catholic Bishop Edwin B. Broderick requested for a public hearing before Rockefeller took action.

For nearly 140 years New York State had had a very restrictive law on abortions and the

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last change occurred nearly 90 years ago.

Proponents of reform or complete repeal of the present law said a less restrictive measure would enable women to have proper medical care at authorized hospitals for abortions that they now are having in "back room butcher shops."

Opponents of change contended that abortions ,done indiscriminantely, constitutes "murder" and the "termination of life" of the yet unborn.

Newburgh Sen. D. Clinton Dominick and Ithaca Assemblywoman Constance Cook are the principal sponsors of the new law.

Bishop Broderick said after Rockefeller's approval that "we cannot forget that this bill was endorsed by many because it would help parents rid themselves of unwanted children."

"Let us hope and pray that society will rediscover its conscience and return protection to the unborn," said Bishop Broderick. "Let us at the same time be prepared for the euthanasia, sterilization and compulsory abortion laws already being spoken of in some of our states."

Although the new law doesn't become effective for nearly three months, safeguard amendments are already being introduced in the Legislature.

Assemblyman Willis H. Stephens is attempting to have the time for abortions limited to the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. A sintilar proposal was defeated during Assembly debate last week.

Sen. James Donovan of Washington Mills plans to introduce a measure which will prohibit public funds to be used for abortions. Such possibilities could exist with medicaid recipients.

Assemblyman George Michaels of Auburn and two other legislators are also proposing that all abortions be performed in accredited hospitals or clinics.

The battle had been waged since 1966 when Democrat Albert Blumenthal of Manhatten first proposed changes in what he and other described as an "archiac" law.

Initially, Blumenthal's reform measures never even got out of committee, let alone as far as the floor of either the Senate or Assembly.

Blumenthal's less liberal measure was debated in the Assembly last year and narrowly defeated. It would have expanded the grounds for allowable abortions to victims of rape or incest, the possibility of a child being born mentally or physically disabled, or if a woman were not mentally or physically able to care for the child.

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Rocky Backs Tighter Law On Abortion

Governor Rockefeller today proposed a restriction in the six-month-old state abortion law that would deny the operation to about 5 per cent of potential patients.

He announced his support for the State Public Health Council's recommendation that the gestation age limit for abortions be reduced from 24 to 20 weeks.

PURPOSE OF THE proposal is to avoid the possibility of live births resulting from abortional acts.

The new state abortion law, replacing an 1829 statute, permits physicians to perform abortions on consenting women up to the sixth month of pregnancy. Mr. Rockefeller's proposal would virtually ban abortions after the fifth month.

The governor's recommendation will undoubtedly strengthen the case of the legislators seeking a restriction in the liberal new law. Both Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges and Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea have said they would be willing to see a limitation in the gestational age permitted for abortions.

The State Health Department, in a report on the first four months of the new law, said a reduction in the gestational age limit from 24 to 20 weeks would shrink by 5 per cent the number of women for whom abortions are legal.

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Rocky: 18-Week Abortion Limit

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By ROBERT McMANUS JR.

Gov. Rockefeller submitted to the Legislature Friday a bill seeking to lower from 24 to 18 weeks the period during which a woman could legally choose to terminate a pregnancy.

Rockefeller termed his proposal a "positive amendment" to the state's current abortion law, which is under vigorous attack and possibly could be repealed outright by the Legislature next week.

The governor reaffirmed his determination to veto such a repeal, however, stating "the toll in human suffering . . . under the old law (is a) matter of record."

The Assembly meanwhile deferred debate on the repeal measure until early next week, opting to spend the weekend at home and reconvene Monday morning, while an identical measure appeared for the first time on a Senate calendar.

And, as has been the case all week, groups of pro and anti-abortion advocates jammed Capitol corridors seeking audiences with individual legislators and seeking to dramatize their causes in various ways.

A group from Long Island, for instance, ordered about a dozen funeral-style floral wreaths and had them delivered to the office of Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea.

A spokesman said the gesture was an effort "to memorialize the unborn victims of abortion . . ."

Gov. Rockfeller's bill lowering the time limit was a change from a previously announced position; last month he had said he would support a 16-week limit on the operation but said Friday "that from a medical and social point of view an elective period of 18 weeks would be more desirable."

Sen. James H. Donovan, Chadwicks Republican and Senate sponsor of the repeal bill, immediately attacked Rockefeller's proposal terming it "an effort to thwart

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the will of the Legislature," and promising to fight it.

"The Codes Committees of both houses voted overwhelmingly to put (repeal) on the floor (for debate) and this in an effort to" settle the issue without debate, Donovan said.

Donovan, long a foe of the liberal abortion statute, said he thought a number of legislators "just don't want to handle this one" and indicated he thought the possibility of compromise would be attractive.

The Senate, however, probably will not get a chance to vote on repeal unless the Assembly actually passes its bill, something that is not at all certain.

Debate was scheduled to begin Friday, but was put off at least until Monday at the request of the bill's sponsor, according to a Duryea spokesman.

The reason for that, Assemblyman Tom Brown indicated later, is to allow time for additional pressure to be put on assemblymen who might be wavering.

The Albany Democrat, who favors repeal, predicted that the weekend will be spent "consolidating" pro-repeal forces and added that he expected church pulpits to be used extensively Sunday to aid in that consolidation.

An anti-repeal activist, however, said he, too, welcomed the additional time because "we really haven't had a great deal of time to work on this" since the bill was unexpectedly reported out of committee last Tuesday.

"The delay," he said, will give us a chance to get to undecided assemblymen."

In a related development, the state Conservative Party has gone on record in favor of repeal. State Chairman J. Daniel Mahoney said in a prepared statement the repeal bills "are of paramount importance . . . and should be immediately . . . passed by the Legislature."

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CATEGORY B. - CRIME

Gun License Action Pushed By Governor

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Governor Rockefeller renewed his call for tighter firearms control laws Saturday and took a swipe at gun lobbies who "see to it these bills rarely get anywhere."

The proposed legislation, which has drawn opposition from the normally loyal Republican leadership in both houses, would require registration of both hand guns and rifles.

Rockefeller said to qualify for a license a person would:

— Have to be over a certain age.

— Have a knowledge of the safe use of firearms.

— Make known his reason for buying a gun.

— Be of "good character," meaning not having a criminal record, or being a drug addict, chronic alcoholic or mentally unstable.

Appeal Board Planned

The program would provide for an appeals board so that anyone denied a license could seek legal recourse.

"In New Jersey, in just six months under a new safe-gun law, 540 hardened criminals, alcoholics, drug addicts and unstable persons were denied gun licenses," Rockefeller said in a speech at the annual luncheon of the State District Attorneys

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Reorganize Crime Board, Rock Asks

Governor Rockefeller called on the Legislature Monday to reorganize the Crime Victims Compensation Board because of a heavier work load and increasing difficulty to consider "fully and fairly" each of the claims.

Rockefeller's latest recommendations would permit board-appointed employes to initially decide claims and limit the full three-member board to appellate and rule-making functions.

The chairman, who now is former Assemblyman Stanley VanRensselaer of Saratoga, would be required to review each initial decision. The three-member board would subsequent review decisions recommended by the chairman or if claimants apply for such a review.

The bill would also give the chairman the powers of chief executive officer to supervise the day-to-day operations of the board.

"In its short history," said Rockefeller, "the board has given invaluable aid to many New Yorkers who otherwise would have suffered serious hardships because of criminal acts."

New York was one of the first states to give financial aid to innocent victims of crimes when it created the board in 1965.

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Killings in Ohio Confound Rocky

Governor Rockefeller has said he does not understand the killings of four students at Kent State University in Ohio and the state's highest military officer said New York National Guardsmen would not ordinarily be issued live ammunition to control campus disorders.

"When this is all over we are going to come out all right," the governor said yesterday. "We will be a much more mature people," he added, noting that by "all-over" he meant the current wave of student protests.

MAJ. GEN. A.C. O'HARA, commanding general of the state National Guard, contacted separately yesterday, said only under extraordinary circumstances would guardsmen called into duty to quell disturbances be issued live ammunition and added the decision to issue it would come, if at all, from his office.

The general said the National Guard has considerable autonomy at the state level in how to cope with campus riots and noted "decisions in this area flow from the state and the governor

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rather than from Washington."

GENERAL O'HARA said a new guardsman normally would receive about 35 hours of riot duty training, but this might be increased at the local level if this kind of duty seemed likely.

Both the governor and his top military officer pointed out the only time the guard has been called out for a civil disturbance was in the urban riots in Rochester. At that time, the men had ammunition with them, but their rifles were not loaded. The troops remained in their trucks at that time.

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Rocky Asks New Anti-Crime Agency

MAR 29 1972

The Rockefeller administration sent to the Legislature Tuesday a bill to create a new Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Executive Department.

Under the terms of the measure submitted by the governor's office, the new agency would combine within it the functions now performed by the Division for Local Police in the Office for Local Government, the State Identification and Intelligence System and the Division of Criminal Justice in the Office of Planning Service.

IN SUBMITTING the bill, Rockefeller said the consolidation was designed to strengthen the state's anti-crime efforts "through formation of a single criminal justice entity that would oversee planning, analysis, training and standard-setting for local police, information gathering and dissemination."

"While enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state has traditionally been viewed as principally a local responsibility, the state has a serious obligation to provide all appropriate technical assistance to improve the capability of localities to meet this responsibility and to assure the safety of all our citizens," Rockefeller said in a statement.

At the present time, the Division for Local Police administers a program of training and standard setting for local police agencies. It is also authorized to conduct police studies, dissimenate information about important evelopments in police work and ncourage professionalism of poce administration.

NYSIIS COLLECTS information concerning the arrests and nvictions of persons charged ith crime and supplies that information to courts at the time of arraignment to facilitate prompt court decisions about bail and parole eligibility.

The agency is also authorized to engage in research and studies, making the results available for the benefit of criminal justice improvement.

The Division of Criminal Justice is responsible for administering the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act in the state.

Under the federal statute, the division receives federal funds for improvement of the criminal justice system in the state.

Rockefeller said in a memorandum attached to the bill that the combined agency would be funded out of appropriations made to the separate agencies for the functions transferred under the bill.

THE GOVERNOR SAID the combined agency would require no additional funds and could well realize some savings in administrative and support services.

Rockefeller said the combination of the three merged agencies would "better enable the state to concentrate its criminal justice improvement efforts in a single, well corrdinated thrust."

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CATEGORY C. - DRUGS

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Rockefeller Proposes Drug Program Aimed at Young

Governor Rockefeller Saturday announced a new state program aimed at prevention of narcotics addiction and drug abuse among the young.

Rockefeller disclosed that the has directed state agencies to develop specialized programs designed to expand treatment facilities and preventive education directed toward the young.

He said he would ask the Legislature to authorize the expenditure of $1 million by the Narcotics Addiction Control Commission for funding, on a 50-50 matching basis, of locally operated inpatient and outpatient services for the addict and drug abusers under 16 years of age.

"I am deeply distressed by the reports of increasing addiction and drug abuse among the very young," he asserted.

He said the recent report of Advisory Council on Drug Addiction and news stories have "underscored the growing magnitude of this problem and the need to move quickly to improve and expand available treatment resources."

Rockefeller proposed the training of 10,000 school teachers in the use of a new curriculum on narcotic addiction.

He said he would urge involvement by the news media and industry in developing and bringing home the message on how to identify the young drug users and inform parents where to get help.

The governor said his program setting aside 100 places in Division for Youth facilities for the treatment of addicts.

The funds for the program will be provided in by the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission.

Rockefeller said that while the state has provided residential care for troubled youths within training schools and Division for Youth facilities, "there is now a clear need for specialized treatment services and program specifically for youths with drug abuse problems."

"As a result," he said, "I have directed that such specialized programs be developed immediately."

Rockefeller pointed out that the state could not shoulder the responsibility alone and would need the help of local governments.

This is why, he said, he was proposing the expenditure of $1 million for locally run facilities.

"Our goal is to provide the fullest possible range of prevention, counselling and treatment services for the youth with a drug problem," he explained.

"The costly toll of drug abuse and addiction must be eliminated," he added.

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Rocky Unveils $265 Million Plan

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War on Drugs Asked

By RICHARD CHADY
United Press International

Governor Rockefeller, moving to pre-empt a major election year issue, has proposed a $265 million program of "total war" on teenage drug addiction.

The program, announced with more fanfare than any other gubernatorial proposal this year, includes $200 million in loans for building local treatment centers, $65 million in operating aid, instruction for 10,000 teachers in drug education programs, and a State Investigation Commission probe of "hard drug" traffic.

"Nothing less than a total mobilization of community effort will suffice,' the governor said in announcing the program Tuesday.

Assembly Democratic Leader Stanley Steingut was quick to criticize the plans for concentrating more on construction of facilities than immediate rehabilitation efforts, but deferred a decision on whether to support it.

Rockefeller delayed his news conference for 45 minutes while last minute touches were applied and chairs were set up for various leaders endorsing the plan.

The included Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Senate GOP Leader Earl W. Brydges, Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist, Lawrence W. Pierce, chairman of the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission, and SIC Chairman Paul J. Curran. Democratic leaders were not invited.

The program includes:

— $200 million in loans from the Housing Finance Agency for construction of local treatment centers.

—$65 million for the state to share half the operating costs of centers.

—$800,000 for the Board of Regents and Education Department to expand drug education programs and train 10,000 teachers in such courses.

— An SIC probe on "all facets of the heroin and hard drug problem faced by metropolitan authorities, particularly in the New York City area."

Both the Regents and the SIC were scheduled to discuss implementing the plans at meetings today in Albany and New York City, respectively.

The program's aim, Rockefeller said, was to "make it plain to the corrupters of our youth that this is war."

"Our society can and must meet this challenge—for if we don't, we have a new "lost generation" on our hands," he said.

Particular emphasis is on the schools and drug users under 16, he said, since current programs concentrate on older addicts.

"Organized crime is unquestionably in control of the heroin traffic," Curran said. "And I think one of the most important things here is that we have to look at the whole quality of law enforcement on the local, state and federal level."

Steingut reacted to the announcement by saying, "The program is too far in the future. "There are ways we believe that can get underway much faster."

The Democratic leader said many state facilities, such as the downstate medical complex in Brooklyn, are not being utilized.

Citing the minority proposal for $3 million in immediate aid to local programs, Steingut said "If these facilities could be financed adequately it would make one helluva dent."

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State Declares 'Total War' on Drug Addiction

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Democratic legislative leaders claimed the program paralleled their party's proposals made earlier this year.

They did not say, however, whether they would support legislation to implement it.

The governor said narcotics addiction among the young is the No. 1 problem confronting the society.

"Plainly, a mandate of conscience rests upon the community and especially those charged with responsibility for education — a mandate for leadership and a declaration of total war on this evil threat to present and coming generations," he asserted.

Rockefeller asked the Board of Regents, which will be meeting in Albany today, to organize all "the massive forces of education in this state to this single purpose."

He suggested the Regents appoint a special subcommittee on drug education for general policy guidance of a statewide public and pupil education program against drugs.

He proposed that the state unit in the Education Department, which is now responsible for drug education, be expanded into a full fledged division at a cost of $250,000.

He asked that special curriculum be developed and special aid provided for expansion of counseling staff in the schools at a cost of another $250,000.

He also called for "immediate start" of the program to train initially 10,000 school teachers in the use of the new curriculum on narcotic addiction and drug abuse.

Under existing state law, all schools in the state must begin on Sept. 1 a special education program warning the dangers of drugs, smoking and drinking.

Rockefeller said "every effort" must be made at all levels of government to step up enforcement of drug laws by "attacking" the channels of distribution and cracking down on pushers.

He said enforcement would be handled by the State Office of Crime Control Planning which is responsible for the development of a statewide comprehensive crime control plan.

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Rocky Declares 'Total War' on Drug Use

By VIC OSTROWIDZKI
Political Affairs Editor

Governor Rockefeller and Republican legislative leaders Tuesday declared "total war" on drug addiction by proposing sweeping programs in the areas of education, treatment and law enforcement.

Flanked by legislators, education and narcotics agency officials, Rockefeller said the "skills and facilities" of state and local governments must be made available to make it "plain to the corruptors of our youth that this is war."

He warned that unless the challenge is met, the state will have "a new lost generation on our hands."

In unveiling the program, parts and pieces of which were made public previously, Rockefeller called on local governments to redouble enforcement efforts and urged establishment of locally sponsored treatment and rehabilitation facilities for the young.

He said up to $200 million would be earmarked by the State Housing Finance Agency for loans to local governments and non-profit groups for construction of facilities.

He said he Health and Mental Hygiene Facilities Improvement Corporation would be authorizedto build and lease these facilities and that the stat would pay for 50 per cent of operating costs of locally supervised treatment and rehabilitation programs.

The governor also urged establishment of a mammoth drug education program and ordered the State Commission of Investigation to undertake inquiry into all facets of hard drug problems.

The program was endorsed by Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges and Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea.

Assemblyman Raymond C. Skuse and Fred Field, Albany Republicans, were among the group of legislators attending the press conference in the Red Room of the Capitol.

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Drug Law Study Bill Signed

By VIC OSTROWIDZKI
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Political Affairs Editor

Governor Rockefeller Saturday signed a bill establishing a temporary state commission to study and evaluate the state's drug laws.

In signing the measure Rockefeller decried the growing wave of drug abuse and said the commission would be asked to provide information how to cope

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Co[illegible] with this monstrous threat.

"Every parent is deeply concerned over the alarming spread of drug use among young people today," he said in a memorandum.

WHILE THE STATE, Rockefeller said, has had the most thorough going program of treatment and rehabilitation for drug addicts since 1967, he "dread malady continues to enslave new recruits." He said last week the state's current drug-fighting efforts have failed.

Rockefeller said that reliable information is needed to launch a war on drugs and warned that drug epidemic would continue unless answers can be found to "many questions."

—The effects of present laws and how well they are being enforced; and

The commission, which will be made up of experts in various fields relating to drug abuse, will be asked to analyze the effects of the penal law as it relates to the use, possession and sale of dangerous drugs.

IT WILL ALSO be requested to consider how laws and regulations can be improved to "optimize individual freedom while minimizing harm to the individual and society," Rockefeller said.

The commission's other mission will be to evaluate scientific data on how drugs affect the mind and body and the dangers they pose to individuals and society.

The governor said he would also ask the commission to find out:

—How many people are using drugs and the distribution system that supplies them.

—The effects of marijuana, amphetamines, LSD and other drugs on the mind and body.

—HOW MUCH education can do in keeping young people from beginning to use drugs.

Rockefeller said that the growing wave of drug abuse witnessed in recent years poses a threat of overwhelming magnitude.

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Bipartisan N. Y. Appeal Made

U. S. Asked to Aid Drug Fight

MAY 14 1970

By CARL C. CRAFT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leading New York political figures from both parties have launched a joint effort for more federal help to wipe off a drug problem they say has reached pleague levels.

Republican Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, emerging from a private strategy meeting with members of his state's congressional delegation, said Wednesday the fight against drug abuse "has spread to the schools and even from the high schools down into the elementary schools."

Rockefeller said he would seek President Nixon's backing for a new funding approach aimed at pumping bigger doses of federal drug-fighting cash into hard-hit cities including New York, Los Angeles and Miami.

The governor also said he agreed with Democratic Rep. Edward I. Koch, who told newsmen heroin addiction has become a pleague in New York City with 100,000 addicts.

"We have a bubonic plague," Koch stated, "but today it's heroin addiction. We should put the same amount of time, effort, money, energy and planning to dispose and get rid of that as we would as if we had bubonic plague raging in that city."

Rep. Emanuel Celler, a Brooklyn Democrat, said attempts also would be made to discourage importation of dr tempts also would be made to discourage importation of drugs from other nations.

Koch said the delegation urged that "countries, like France, Turkey and other countries that are the suppliers of heroin that comes into the country . . . be held responsible."

"And when the foreign aid bill comes up," he added, "we're going to think of some way where we can impress upon those countries they can't be the recipients of money from this country when they are selling poison to the kids in this country."

Rep. Shirley Chisholm, a Democrat and the only black woman in Congress, said the drug problem "now has penetrated just about every class and every ethnic group in our society . . ."

Koch said more than money "we need real enforcement on the part of the police officials, we need to involve the communities . . . and we've got to get across the educational aspect."

"These kids are ruining their lives, they're dying, there are hundreds of them die during the year from overdoses, and we're simply not getting the message across."

Meanwhile, Democratic Rep. Bertram L. Podell, of Brooklyn, said drug addiction costs the American public $5 billion a year in crime because many addicts steal to support their habit. He called for $200 million for drug centers to offer a wide range of services for heroin addicts.

He also introduced a resolution calling on the United Nations to buy the world's heroin supply at its source.

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Rehabilitation No Answer

Rocky Urges Medical Solution for Addiction

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NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller called Sunday for medical solutions to drug addiction, contending that rehabilitation programs have not provided an answer to the rising addiction problem.

Rockefeller said that New York State has spent more funds on addict rehabilitation programs than any other state or the federal government, "but we have not found the answer to this problem yet."

"I don't think we as yet have found a cure for heroin addiction," he said, noting that methadone was only a substitute drug for heroin addicts.

He called on the medical profession to develop methods of cure for drug addiction.

Rockefeller made his remarks at a communion breakfast of The St. George Association of the Police Department. He received the group's Golden Rule award. The Association is made up of Protestant police officers and has about 5,000 members.

He told the organization, "the greatest challenge to you . . . is to protect the community against both the pushers and those who are hocked and must steal every day to support their habit."

The governor also defended the right of policemen to live outside the city limits.

The city recently suggested members of the uniformed forces should live in the city, but Rockefeller said such a rule would force police and other municipal employes "trying to find a decent place to live . . . to violate the law."



GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER

Rockefeller received the group's annual award for being an "adviser to four Presidents, Inter-American expert, statesman, humanitarian and effective administrator."

Previous recipients have included FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.; Sen. Kenneth Keating, R-N.Y.; evangelist Billy Graham, comedian Bob Hope and the late Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York.

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Rocky Tells Farm Bureau

MAR 31 1972

'Drug Problem Baffling'

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller told more than 450 representatives of the New York Farm Bureau recently that "the drug situation is the most baffling problem which we have confronted in the 14 years I have been here."

The governor acknowledged that the state has spent over $800 million on drug abatement in the past 10 years and has met only with limited success. "We must be much tougher on the big guys—the pushers . . . We must do everything we can to get these groups off the street," the governor added.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER said he would propose a federal "Manhattan-type" project which would have the best people in the world seeking solutions to the drug situation.

When queried about an 11 per cent cut in Cornell University's research budget, the governor reported that $250,000 had been restored in the executive budget for the Geneva Experiment Station.

State Farm Bureau Vice President Harold Hawley of Weedsport expressed concern over a Fleischmann Commission recommendation for a minimum school district size of 5,000 pupils. Mr. Hawley felt this could resut in busing children distances previously considered impractical, and the extra cost of busing and lost time in traveling could nullify any educational advantages which might be gained by such a large school district.

IN RESPONSE, the executive head noted that the recommendations of the Fleischmann Commission are not expected to be acted upon immediately. He did indicate that although there is pressure for some smaller schools to merge, traveling more than a certain distance may have an adverse effect.

Saratoga County representatives participating in the day's activities included Mr. and Mrs. Alton Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Center, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peck, Han Rogner, Edgar King, Willaim Oliver, Mrs. Stephen Koval and Mrs. Fred Peck.

These farm leaders also met with Saratoga County Assemblyman Fred W. Droms and State Senator Douglas Hudson.

During the evening banquet, Farm Bureau members heard talks by Lt. Gov. Malcolm A. Wilson and Henry Diamond, commissioner of environmental conservation.

RICHARD McGUIRE of Salem, State Farm Bureau president who presided at the banquet, expressed concern over the recent defeat of an agricultural labor relations bill in the Assembly Labor Commitee.

Recognizing the danger of a total loss of income to the farmer, the absence of a commodity in the marketplace and a rise in food cost should a strike affecting perishable farm commodities occur, Farm Bureau proposed a farm labor relations bill which would set up a means of arbitrating disputes without disrupting the flow of farm produce. "The Legislature will have to be held accountable if there are any farm labor disputes this year," the farm leader concluded.

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Go... ...ckefeller tough-ened h... ... tough" proposal to jail drug pushers for life when he proposed Tuesday to include drug couriers under the life sentence plan.

Making a rare appearance before a legislative committee—only the fourth time in 14 years, Rockefeller agreed to amend his plans to include the couriers who might beat life sentences by carrying drugs in quantities less than first degree possession enumerates.

A possessor found with 16 ounces or more of heroin is subject to a charge of first degree possession: a person found with eight ounces, second degree, according to Ralph Smith, assistant district attorney in Albany County.

Amid the glare of the television cameras, Rockefeller detailed his plans to a joint hearing of the Senate and Assembly Codes Committee in the South Mall's legislative office building.

ROCKEFELLER'S recommendations include life imprisonment with no chance of parole for all pushers of hard drugs, including addict pushers, and mandatory 15 year sentences for those pushers under 19 years of age.

The life imprisonment penalties would also include persons who commit violent crimes under the influence of drugs and provide a $1,000 reward for informers who turn in pushers.

To support these demands and to quell criticism that the law enforcement system would collapse if the harsh proposals were enacted, Rockefeller has called for the temporary appointment of 100 additional judges, more prosecutors and court aides, additional space for courtrooms, rehabilitation centers, and prisons.

ROCKEFELLER TOLD the committees a toll-free, hot-line would be established to the Narcotics Addiction Control Commission so any addict seeking assistance before the new law went into effect, presumably on July 1, can be enrolled in a treatment program.

Under our present laws said Rockefeller, only two per cent of narcotics arrests in New York City result in jail terms.

"What kind of a deterrent is that?" questioned the governor. "It's a 98 per cent safety factor for pushers."

Rockefeller also had an answer for those critics who claimed his drug plan would be too tough on young pushers.

"TO SOMEONE who has been hooked, whose life has been destroyed, it makes no difference whether the pusher was a pro or a pal, a hardened addict or a supposedly naive teenager," declared Rockefeller.

Senator Douglas Barclay of Pulaski, who with Assemblyman Dominick L. DiCarlo of Brooklyn acted as chairman of the hearing, said no decision will be made on the governor's drug plan until other hearings are held.

"There probably will be some modifications," Barclay said, with a smile.

Other committee members questioned many aspects of the governor's proposals.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARTHUR Eve of Buffalo referred to the proposals as "ghetto genocide" with "people turning on each other, addicts killing at an enormous rate, and merchants moving out."

Instead of eliminating payoffs, said Eve, there will be "bigger payoffs with cops and judges."

Rockefeller answered that all of those conditions Eve claimed that result from enactment of the proposals are present in the ghettos today. He also pointed out to Eve that the Rev. Oberia Dempsey talked of black genocide because of drugs.

EVE CLAIMED that addicts committing a crime will have to make an "immediate decision" on whether to murder the victim to prevent witnesses who could inform on him.

Others like Assemblyman Clark Wemple of Schenectady said the magnitude of the drug problem is an "indictment of the criminal justice system of the state."

Albany Assemblyman Thomas W. Brown sought evidence that the governor's plans would combat the problem. Brown also questioned what happens to the concepts of rehabilitation in the prison system if a person has a mandatory life sentence with no parole.

SENATOR JOSEPH G...ber o... New York City asked if New York wouldn't receive complaints from neighboring states after being the "Pied Piper by driving pushers away."

"When drugs come in from Mexico, Texas is avoided because of hard laws," said Rockefeller. "We would force other states to follow suit."

Other legislators feared that addicts, to finance their habits would plant drugs on innocent people and t... them in for the $1,000 reward.

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Rockefeller's Stand on

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Pushers: Is It Constitutional?

By JOE PICCHI
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Governor Rockefeller's proposed hard line on drug pushers received a sympathetic ear Wednesday from both sides of the legislative aisle, but many lawmakers questioned the constitutionality of the tough approach.

Rockefeller's "war on narcotics" was one of the few spots in the governor's 15th message to the Legislature where Republicans and Democrats seemed to agree.

As usual, Republican leaders praised the governor's outline of the "State of the State," while Democratic leaders were equally as quick with their castigations.

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER Perry B. Duryea applauded Rockefeller's call for a realignment of the various levels of responsibility on government.

Without commenting specifically on the governor's tough approach to drug abuse and pushers, Duryea said "the battle must continue to be waged and won" even though the present approach has not been successful.

The new Senate majority leader, Warren Anderson of Binghamton, was more specific.

"I have always felt that persons who traffic in narcotics should be dealt with severely in such a way that they will be forever deterred from resorting again to this insidious and debilitating practice," said Anderson.

The Senate leader, however, foresaw possible constitutional obstacles to some of Rockefeller's proposal regarding drug pushers.

SIMILAR FEELINGS were expressed by Democratic Senator Mary Anne Krupsak, who was taking her seat in the upper chamber for the first time.

have life imprisonment for drug pushers raised two questions in the mind of Miss Krupsak, an attorney. She felt it would be a violation of the federal constitution on equal protection of law for all criminals.

"Secondly," said Miss Krupsak, "if there is absolutely no prospects of parole will we be creating potential leaders for future Atticas?"

Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut called Rockefeller's message "a sorry reflection of the state's failure to meet the growing problems of the past 14 years."

THE BROOKLYN Democrat declared 1973 "must be the year in which this independent Legislature takes the lead in basic statewide institutional reform."

A new area legislator, Gerald H.B. Solomon of Queensbury, said he favored the law and order proposals "very much," but was opposed to the governor's recommendations for more state commissioners, boards, and inspector generals.

Assemblyman Fred Droms of Rexford told a newsman that he has been seeking for the past two years no parole for pushers. "So I love what the governor had to say," Droms added.

Schenectady Assemblyman Clark Semple called Rockefeller's message "a hard turn to the right."

"He purports to attack swollen bureaucracies," said Wemple, "but I'm not sure the way to do it is to establish additional bureaucracies like the inspector general."

NEIL KELLEHER, Troy Republican, foresaw the possibility of a legislative "collision" on no-fault automobile insurance. He noted that both Rockefeller and Duryea will have proposals of their own this year.

"If no-fault isn't passed this year," Kelleher went on, "the results could be catastrophe two years from now when the lawmakers are up for reelection."

Senator Walter B. Langley termed the message's keynote as "realistic, especially in the field of fiscal affairs."

Langley pointed to a section of the message which read: "We have learned what the state can and cannot do within the means available."

While supporting Rockefeller's tough stand on law enforcement and the use of narcotics, Senator Edwin Mason of Hobart said they should "fire the present commissioner" rather than appoint an inspector general for education.

ASSEMBLYMAN [illegible] Harris of Canada Lake was "most impressed" by Rockefeller's stand on the problems of narcotics. "It's the only answer at this time," said the North Country legislator.

Albany Assemblyman Thomas W. Brown pointed out what he considered two contradictions in Rockefeller's message.

"While swollen bureaucracies is one of the problems," said Brown, "the governor then calls for the creation of an inspector general."

Brown, however, felt that Rockefeller did cite problems bothering the public, as attack on drug problems, one worthwhile solution asserted Brown.

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life and property, higher standards for the quality of services delivered to the people, and see to it that those standards are carried out.

"The people have a right to expect this—the taxpayers demand it—and government has an obligation to provide it," he asserted.

The end of his annual "state of the state" message, delivered to the joint session of the Senate and Assembly, contained a plea for renewed drive in the "cause of human advancement and equal opportunity for all."

He said New York, which pioneered in removing racial and religious barriers to human opportunity, must stand against "any pressures to deter the growth of individual opportunity and responsibility for every New Yorker."

BUT, HE QUICKLY ADDED: "Let us not forget the fundamental truth that a free society that wants to protect the rights of the individual, can only do so if the members are willing to accept their individual responsibilities to the society as a whole."

THE GOVERNOR spent some time spelling out the reasons for the loss of people's confidence in its government.

He said, for example, that 'in this period of high taxes and tight money is the fact that we have too many policy-setting bodies—public and quasi-public—making recommendations for huge new government programs without any responsibility or interest in where the money is going to come from."

"They raise unrealistic expectations. Then when those expectations go unfulfilled, the resulting disillusionment and bitterness contribute to the overall decline of public confidence in government," he explained.

IN REMARKS devoted to his proposals to restructure state government, Rockefeller proposed several major recommendations including a plan for complete state takeover of administering Medicaid and public assistance payments.

Calling for greater efficiency and economy in the education field, Rockefeller said he would recommend later changes which will bring the policy, management and fiscal responsibility for education closer together.

In the months ahead, Rockefeller said he would propose establishment of the Office of Education Inspector General to review the performance and spending in the field of education.

HE SAID THAT he would also propose such an inspector-general for the state's court system.

His recommendations, he said, would also contain a gradual takeover by the state of the local share of the costs of the court system.

The governor devoted a large part of his remarks to his plans to rid the state of drug pushers and users.

He said that "law-abiding people, have the right to expect tougher and more effective action from their elected leaders to protect them from lawlessness and crime."

ROCKEFELLER SAID the state tried every possible approach to stop addiction and save the addict through education and treatment but that this had failed.

"We have allocated over $1 billion to every form of education, against drugs and treatment of the addicted through commitment, therapy, and rehabilitation," he said.

Despite all this money, he continued, "we have achieved very little permanent rehabilitation—and have found no cure."

HE SAID THAT the hard drug pusher destroys lives just as surely and far more cruelly than a cold-blooded killer.

For that reason alone, Rockefeller said, he was recommending legislation making the penalty for all illegal trafficking in hard drugs a life sentence in prison.

Crime of violence committed by persons under the influence of hard drugs, Rockefeller said, also ought to be punishable by life imprisonment.

Rockefeller proposed payment of $1,000 state tax reward for the person providing information leading to the apprehension and conviction of each hard drug pusher.

A LONG LIST of suggestions to expand the Narcotics Addiction Control Laws included a proposal to extend the commission's authority to make a civil commitment of an addict to include habitual use of dangerous drugs not now within its scope.

To relieve the court congestion, Rockefeller urged:

—enactment of no-fault automobile insurance as a means of freeing an estimated 112 judges from hearing auto accident lawsuits so that they can handle serious criminal cases.

—second passage of a constitutional amendment permitting defendant in criminal proceedings to waive indictment by a grand jury.

—passage of a constitutional amendament permitting prosecutors to proceed in non-capital felonies either on a grand jury indictment or on an information following a preliminary hearing before a court.

—passage of a constitutional ameudment permitting the Legislature to reduce from 12 to 6 the number of jurors required for trial of crimes prosecuted by indictment, except for crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment.

—passage of a bill to provide that the court rather than trial counsel will examine prospective juriors. The governor urged that the Statewide Organized Crime Task Force be given jurisdiction over crimes of corruption in the administration of criminal justice.

HIS SUGGESTION urged that the Task Force not only have concurrent jurisdiction with local prosecutors in this field, but also have the authority to appear before local grand juries without approval by local prosecutors.

Rockefeller said his recommendations would also contain a proposal that regional and statewide grand juries be created to weigh evidence in any crimes crossing county lines, with the Task Force having juridiction in such cases.

In the area of correctional services, Rockefeller proposed transfer of the Correction Commission from the Department of Correctional Services to the Executive Department where, he said, it would function with complete independence.

The governor said the lawmakers should consider and adopt the recommendation of the Adirondack Park Agency plan which spelled out the rules and guidelines for private development in the area.

In addition to the adoption of a private land use and development plan for the park, the governor asked second passage of two constitutional amendments protecting the boundaries of the Adirondack and Catskill Parks and facilitating the disposition of small, detached Forest Preserve parcels outside those two parks.

To proect consumers in the area of installment buying, Rockefeller urged:

—elimination of the "holder-in-due course" feature of home improvement contracts. The future makes it virtually impossible for the consumer to get satisfaction for faulty work once the contract has been sold by a dealer to a third party.

—provide for the recovery by the buyer of penalties against the seller, plus attorney's fees, in the event of a violation of the Retail Installment Sales Act.

THE GOVERNOR proposed statewide registration of auto and television repairmen, with automobile repair shops registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and television repairmen with the Secretary of State.

To protect consumers from garnishment abuse, the governor recommended legislation to:

—raise from $30 per week to $85 per week the amount of wages exempt form a wage assignment, as has already been done with respect to garnishments, and

—authorize the Industrial Commissioner to commence action on behalf of any employe who has been discharged from his employment because of wage assignment or income execution was filed against him.

THE GOVERNOR reminded the lawmakers that the Permanent Commission on Public Employe Pension and Retirement Systems, which is reviewing all pension legislation before its adoption, would present, before the end of the session, a comprehensive new pension program for public employes.

He asked for a hike in state minimum wage for farm workers to $1.75 per hour, effective on Jan. 1, 1974.

The governor also wants a 10 per cent hike in welfare aid and legislation to repeal cutbacks in Medicated enacted in 1971.

Rocky Scored on Life-Sentence-for-Pushers Proposal

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By DAVID SHAFFER
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One Democrat called Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's proposal for life sentences for hard drug pushers "a cheap shot."

A Republican-Conservative from Brooklyn said the governor did not go far enough.

And the New York Civil Liberties Union called it "an essentially dishonest attempt through headlines and tough-sounding rhetoric to convince the public the drug problem is being resolved."

In his annual message in the legislature Wednesday, Rockefeller said a "reign of terror" by drug addicts on the streets "must stop."

He said he would submit legislation seeking mandatory life sentences for sellers of heroin, LSD, amphetamines and hashish, and mandatory life sentences for violent crimes committed "under the influence of drugs."

And he said he would propose a $1,000 state bounty for information leading to the conviction of a hard-drug pusher.

Rockefeller said the combined problems of crime and drugs are one of the two most important challenges to "the effectiveness of our society." The other, he said, is "the inertia and unresponsiveness of swollen bureaucracies and vested interests."

He declared that attempts to rehabilitate drug addicts have accomplished little and that attempts to solve social problems with new agencies have created administrative nightmares.

The answer, he argued in forceful language, is tough new steps against drug-related crimes, and the establishment of watchdog agencies to keep tabs on the bureaucracy.

Immediately after the speech, Deputy Assembly Minority leader Albert Blumenthal of Manhattan told reporters that the life sentence proposal "is a cheap shot. They can't even get the ones they catch now in jail."

"When are we going to open the concentration camps?" asked Sen. Manfred Ohrenstein, another Democrat from Manhattan.

Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut of Brooklyn said he would favor life sentences "in certain circumstances, for the hardest pushers." But he said Rockefeller should have focused some attention on prison reform.

Assembly Spearker Perry Duryea issued a statement that avoided any mention of the life-sentence proposal. It called the speech in general "visionary yet realistic," but focused specific praise only on the recommendations for the environment and no-fault insurance.

Assemblyman Vito Battista, a Republican-Conservative from Brooklyn, said the life sentence plan offered only "half a loaf" for the fight against crime. "I was deeply disappointed that he did not mention the need for return to the death penalty for first degree murder," he said.

The New York Civil Liberties Union issued a statement saying the proposal for bounties "would enable people to act out their prejudices and create a vigilante atmosphere that is inimical to a truly free society."

The NYCLU said the life sentences without parole for drug pushers stand in sharp contrast to parole that is now available "for people convicted of every other crime, including the most violent."

"There is no basis to assume that a convicted drug seller cannot be rehabilitated," the statement said.

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Rocky Submits to Legislature Hard-Line Narcotics Measure

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Governor Rockefeller submitted his much heralded and tough anti-narcotics bill to the legislature Wednesday which calls for mandatory life imprisonment for convicted drug pushers and addicts found guilty of committing violent crimes under the influence of drugs.

The bill contained a provision making youthful drug pushers, between 16 and 19 years of age, eligible for parole after having served 15 years of their life prison sentences.

It also recommended that a flat $1,000 bounty be awarded to a person or people whose information leads to conviction of even one dealer of hard drugs.

UNDER THE TERMS of the bill, life sentences would be meted out, with no chance for plea bargaining, suspended sentences, or ultimate freedom on parole.

In a special message to the lawmakers, many of whom have reservation about the constitutionality of the proposed law, Rockefeller described a drug pusher as "a cold and cynical destroyer of lives as much as any killer."

"The only way to deter this commerce in tragedy," the governor said, "is by measurers so strong, so effective, so fully enforced, that the hard drug pusher will no longer risk his own life and freedom by jeopardizing the lives of others."

"I will not accept the idea," he said to those who are objecting to his tough legislation, "that society must cringe helplessly before the tragic end products of the drug traffic."

knowingly taken by any means an unlawfully possessed hard drug.

A presumption of knowing ingestion would arise on determination that within 48 hours after the crime the hard drug substance was found in the defendant's body.

The bill would authorize payment by the State Division of Criminal Justice Services of $1,000 reward for providing information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the hard drug pusher.

Such information would be communicated to the Division through a statewide toll free telephone line.

The bill would become effective July 1.

The governor also told the lawmakers in his special message that he would submit legislation soon to strengthen the rehabilitation program of the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission.

Rockefeller said he would recommend that the commission's authority be extended to treat persons using non-narcotic dangerous drugs.

The governor, as he had done previously in his "state of the state" message, said that the state had spent so far more than $1 billion in its effort to rehabilitate the addict.

The time has come, he said, to take "stern measures that, I have become convinced, common sense demands."

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ROCKEFELLER received strong support for his bill Wednesday from U.S. Sen. James L. Buckley, who fully endorsed the plan.

In a telegram to Rockefeller, made public by his Albany office, Buckley agreed that "only the most forceful means can make any real impact on the trafficking in narcotics and other hard drugs."

Under present law, which is based partly on the quantity of drugs involved, drug pushers may receive sentences of 15 or 25 years to life, with the possibility of parole in cases where more than one pound of heroin, cocaine, morphine or opium is sold.

THEY MAY BE sentenced to 25 years for the sale of illicit drugs to individuals younger than 21 years of age, or for the sale of between eight ounces to one pound of hard drugs.

The proposed bill would provide that a person who is convicted of selling, with or without consideration, any quantities of hallucinogen, including LSD and hashish, or an amphetamine, excluding marijuana, would be guilty of selling a dangerous drug in the first degree.

Persons indicted for this crime would not be eligible to plead guilty to a lesser offense, and upon conviction be imprisoned for life.

Defendants between 16 and 19 years of age would also be sentenced to life but would be eligible for parole consideration after 15 years.

UNDER THE PROPOSED bill, conviction of conspiracy to commit the crime of selling a dangerous drug would be similarly punished.

Moreover, the same penalty would apply to persons convicted of possessing or conspiring to possess large quantities of narcotics.

The bill would also make it a new crime to commit murder, assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree burglary in the first degree, criminal mischief in the first degree, rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, sexual abuse in the first degree, any degree of arson, robbery, kidnapping or manslaughter, or having

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Rocky's 'Hit the Pusher' Bid Faces Hill Struggle

By JAY AMBROSE

"Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller has never been a district attorney and has never had an opportunity to bust up a racket, expose corruption or catch a murderer, but with his get-tough drug proposals, announced in his State of the State message, he appears to be winning the kind of applause usually reserved for the western hero who straps on his six-shooters and goes out to round up the bad guys."

Charles S. Whitman sent "Dago Frank," "Gyp the Blood," "Whitey Lewis," and "Leftie Louis" to the electric chair, and they put him in the governor's chair.

As the Republican district attorney of New York County, Mr. Whitman achieved statewide fame for his successful presecution of these four underworld gunmen and rode that fame to his election as governor. He presided over state affairs from 1915 to 1918.

NEXT TO BEING a crook, going after crooks has long been one of the best ways to get somewhere in politics. Republican Governor Thomas E. Dewey, one of the most conspicuous examples, made his reputation as an assistant U.S. attorney and later a special prosecutor investigating racketeers, dishonest officials, extortionists, loan sharks and stock swindlers. A big coup for him: the conviction of Charles Luciano, organizer of prostitution syndicates.

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller has never been a district attorney and has never had an opportunity to bust up a racket, expose corruption or catch a murderer, but with his get-tough drug proposals, announced in his State of the State message, he appears to be winning the kind of applause usually reserved for the western hero who straps on his six-shooters and goes out to round up the bad guys.

WHAT THE GOVERNOR wants are mandatory life sentences with no chance of parole for all convicted pushers of hard drugs. With addiction eating away at the vitals of society, virtually everyone hates pushers, and locking 'em up and throwing away the key is bound to be a popular idea.

But serious objections to these proposals have been raised. The counsel for a state commission on drug laws suggests they may be unconstitutional. Legal scholars are disturbed about tossing judicial discretion out the window. Some criminologists say they won't deter pushing. And judges have argued that the laws would be unworkable.

EVEN SOME OF the Legislature's most conservative lawmakers point to numerous technical difficulties. One noted that a pusher could murder all witnesses, stand trial for homicide, and thus be eligible for parole.

The upshot is that the Legislature is unlikely to pass the measures without substantial modification and that the governor is going to get off the hook on the narcotics issue.

If he seeks a fifth term in 1974—and it looks increasingly as if he will—the governor will be able to tell Democratic critics that he tried to do something about the drug problem, but that the Legislature wouldn't let him. He has already been quoted as saying, "what the Legislature does with it (his package of drug bills) is their responsibility . . ."

THE QUESTION OF drug abuse is sure to be an issue in the gubernatorial election. It was widely used by the Democrats in the legislative campaigns this fall. State Senate Candidate Leonard A. Weiss of Albany argued that "the state has poured $421 million into a much touted Methadone Maintenance Program which has cured only 140 addicts at a cost of $3 million each."

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Central Commission showed up at the Capitol for a press conference to refute such charges, but in his State of the State message the governor conceded that state drug expenditures of ever $1 billion had "achieved very little permanent rehabilitation."

HE ALSO NOTED in that message that "virtually every poll of public concern documents that the number one growing concern of the American people is crime and drugs."

Part of what bothers critics of the governor's proposals is that hashish is included as a "hard drug" and that youths 16 to 19 years old would not be eligible for parole until after 15 years in prison. Hashish is a derivative of the Cannabis plant, the same as marijuana, and is frequently used by the same people who smoke marijuana. Most experts say it is not "hard."

During his town meetings this fall, the gorernor was confronted by a school-newspaper editor who pleaded for Jeffrey G. Smith, a 24-year-old student who has been sentenced to prison for seven to fifteen years some three years ago for selling marijuana to an undercover policeman. "All he wants to do is get out and do graduate work at Vassar," the governor was told. He was quoted as replying, "I respect the gentleman for wanting to go to Vassar."

BUT MR. SMITH was one of six inmates whose sentences were commuted by the governor at Christmas time this year.

The Christmas spirit subsides quickly.

Rocky Requests New Judges for Fight on Drugs

By BETSY BUECHNER
Gannett News Service

Reacting to criticism that his proposed hard-line drug legislation would overload the courts and prisons and prove unworkable, Governor Rockefeller made it clear yesterday he means business.

The governor announced he would recommend spending nearly $50 million to expand the state's court system, including the creation of 100 temporary Supreme Court judgeships, and to increase the capacity of state prisons for 4,900 more inmates. Reshuffling prisoners in existing facilities could make room for aother 10,000, the governor said.

Another $5.5 million would be spent for the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission's expanded role to treat non-narcotic drug users, under the governor's proposal.

IN A NO-NONSENSE statement, Mr. Rockefeller backed up his proposals for mandatory life prison sentences for hard drug pushers and those who commit violent crimes while under the influence of hard drugs with these other recommenations:

—Appointment of special district attorneys, recruitment of volunteer attorneys to act as defense lawyers and prosecutors and recruitment of additional court staff, probation and correction officers.

—Provide additional courtroom space in existing court facilities and other public buildings, including expansion of the Special Narcotics Court and the Emergency Felony Case Processing program in New York City.

—Insure the availability of additional detention facilities on the local level.

TO IMPLEMENT his plan to extend the state Narcotic Addiction Control Commission's authority to treat non-narcotic drug abusers (NACC has been limited to treating only users of heroin and opium derivatives), the governor said he would spend $5.5 million more to provide another 3,800 spaces at existing facilities, on top of the $3.3 million increase recommended in his 1973-74 budget to make an additional 8,900 spaces available.

A state budget division spokesman said the governor's proposals would not mean any new capital construction.

The extra space in prisons and NACC centers can be made by doubling up and making use of unoccupied cells and beds, the spokesman said.

SINCE HE PROPOSED the stiff penalties for drug traffickers, Mr. Rockefeller's plan has come under attack from some legislators, judges and most recently the State Bar Association, which, in effect, challenged him to put up additional funds or else see the courts further clogged and prisoners convicted of other violent crimes released from jail.

Mr. Rockefeller retorted by saying he is up to taking "strong measures" to put across his proposals.

Only two choices confront the state, the governor said: "Either we are willing to live with the degradation, death, violent crime and fear it spawns, or we are willing to take drastic actions to break the back of this contagion once and for all."

Elaborating on his court expansion proposal, the governor said he would submit legislation to create the 100 judgeships for terms extending to Dec. 31. Beyond that, the number of extra judges will depend upon what happens with court reform measures and whether no-fault insurance legislation will be enacted.

The governor has said that passage of no-fault could mean freeing more than 110 judges from motor vehicle accident lawsuits to handle other cases.

MR. ROCKEFELLER SAID the temporary judges would be appointed after "close consultation" with the New York City and state bar associations, and specifically named Bernard Botein and Francis Plimpton as among the past presidents he would consult.

The $30 million Mr. Rockefeller said he would need to carry out his court expansion program would be on top of the $1.25 million in state funds recommended in his fiscal budget and federal monies to operate special narcotics courts.

Likewise, the estimated $19.6 million needed to accommodate 4,900 more inmates by July 1 would be over and above a $1.4 million proposed budget increase to expand the capacity of state correctional facilities by 1,400 inmates.

With the governor's proposed expansion of the NACC program, 12,700 spaces would be available, 4,700 of these in NACC's 16 treatment facilities and 8,000 in methadone programs.

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Rocky Would Call Even Pill-Sharing Housewife 'Pusher'

By JAY AMBROSE

Refusing to budge an inch on his get-tough drug proposals, Governor Rockefeller says even a housewife giving diet pills to a neighbor should be included in his legislation mandating life sentences for all hard drug pushers.

If his bills become law, he said under questioning by legislators yesterday, a planned four-month campaign advertising the penalties would deter the amphetamine-sharing housewife by making her aware of how serious her activities are.

THE GOVERNOR, dressed in a gray suit, red tie and blue-striped shirt, was the sole witness at a two-hour hearing of the Senate and Assembly Codes Committees. It was one of the rare instances in which he has subjected himself publicly to interrogation by lawmakers.

Defending the drug plan which has become the most controversial and publicized issue of this year's session of the Legislature, he fielded dozens of questions, most of them politely phrased. But hostility broke out when the governor tangled with a black Democratic assemblyman who once called for his impeachment.

Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, D-Buffalo, said near the end of the session in the South Mall Legislative Office Building that he had not planned to question the governor because "I find it's an emotional thing talking to you at times."

"It's mutual," the governor responded.

THE ASSEMBLYMAN called the governor's proposal a "ghetto genocide bill" and one of "the most serious pieces of dehumanization in years." He said it would lead to chaos in the ghetto and that blacks and Puerto Ricans would be going to jail, not large-scale pushers.

The bespectacled governor, who listened with hand on chin, replied that "the conditions you say will happen exist today." The people suffering most from the consequences of drug addition are the people in the ghetto, he said. And he quoted a black Harlem minister as saying that addiction now was causing genocide.

Assemblyman Eve, who was one of a number of intermediaries between inmates and officials during the Attica prison uprising, was highly critical of the governor's order to assault the prison and called for his impeachment last year in an Assembly speech.

The governor started the session yesterday by reading an eight-page statement while about two dozen legislators and some 50 visitors in the hearing room gallery listened and while seven television cameras focused on him.

"IN RESPONSE TO critics who call this a hard-line program," he said, "I say it is indeed a hard-line program — hard on the pusher. But it is motivated by compassion for the victims and their families."

Several of the legislators, however, voiced concern that the governor's program was technically flawed and impractical.

Assemblyman Dominick L. DiCarlo, R-Brooklyn, chairman of the Assembly Codes Committee, asked if the governor's proposals wouldn't put a "premium on escape" and lead to more murders. He was referring to a proposal that would mandate a life sentence with no chance of parole for addicts committing violent crimes while under the influence of drugs. A mass murderer, he pointed out, would be eligible for parole.

The governor said this was "a risk" but that criminals commit murders when faced with lesser penalties. He cited a case in which a state policeman was killed by a man attempting to avoid a speeding ticket.

SENATOR BERNARD C. Smith, R-Northport, questioned the governor's plan to give a $1,000 reward to those turning in pushers. He said police hire addicts to help catch pushers and that some of these addicts might be led to concoct false evidence in order to collect the much-needed money.

Senator H. Douglas Barclay, R-Pulaski, chairman of the Senate Codes Committee, said upstate district attorneys were fearful that juries might not convict pushers if there were a mandatory life sentence without chance of parole.

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Hard Drug Law Signed; Rocky Criticizes Foes

By BETTY FLYNN
Chicago Daily News Service

NEW YORK — Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, signing into law the nation's toughest anti-drug law, scoffed at the "misguided softliners" who criticized the mandatory life sentences that the law demands for some drug pushers.

"We are creating the strongest possible tools to protect our law-abiding citizens from drug pushers providing (officials) are willing to use these laws vigorously and effectively," the governor said in Albany yesterday as he signed the controversial bill into law.

THE LAW WAS toned down considerably from Mr. Rockefeller's original proposal that called for mandatory life sentences for drug pushers, with no possibility of parole, and a complete cutoff of "plea bargaining" — the reduction of sentences in order to obtain information for convictions.

The new law, which takes effect Sept. 1, calls for certain mandatory minimum prison sentences, a limited form of plea bargaining and life sentences that would permit parole but require lifetime supervision of the person paroled.

Mayor John Lindsay, former Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy, many district attorneys and judges, most ex-addicts, as well as social workers working with addicts opposed the plan, stating it would interfere with existing police efforts to track odwn big-time narcotics operators through the use of small-time traffickers as informants.

FURTHER, they believed it would clog up the courts with thousands of extra drug trials, and would impose unbelievably harsh penalties on drug addicts most of whom are also small-time pushers in order to support their habits.

To pick up a 16-year-old junkie who was peddling dope to other junkies to get a fix, Mr. Lindsay maintained, would be more of a crime than the original crime, and would demonstrate no understanding of the drug victim and his potential rehabilitation.

He pledged the addition of at least 100 judges to handle extra cases, but admitted under questioning by reporters those judges would probably not be appointed until next year — when Mr. Rockefeller is expected to seek an unprecedented fifth gubernatorial term.

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Governor Keeps Cool During Heated Debate

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The woman was mad and she came loaded for bear, but the governor kept his cool.

"The Legislature recently approved $100 million for a Cultural Center for your pet project (South Mall)," said the woman, her eyes blazing, "and that money could have been used to educate the children in New York City.

"I resent the money of the state being used in such a manner in view of the problems my children have with their education," she concluded, turning to leave.

"Now don't make a statement and walk away," said Governor Rockefeller. "Listen a minute. The Cultural Center money is not in the budget; it's in bonds and the bonds are sold by Albany County. The items can't be interchanged and they are not in competition. . ."

It was the governor in full flight of explanation, a posture he quickly adopted during a 90-minute question-and-answer session with about 500 members of the United Parents Association Monday afternoon in Chancellors Hall.

The governor was closely questioned at times, and the discussion centered mostly on New York City schools and the effects of a proposed Rockefeller spending cut.

The governor spent quite a bit of time explaining that his proposed cut will not mean the City University of New York will be without a freshman class next fall. The City University has had $4 million cut from its appropriation next year, said Rockefeller, but it will actually get a net increase of $18 million in state aid.

The governor has been at odds with New York City Republican Mayor John V. Lindsay and City University officials as to what the spending cut will mean to city education. The governor called a press conference last week to refute Mayor Lindsay's figures.

"When we get taken to the cleaners on misrepresentation," commented the governor, "I get a little disturbed." The governor added that it was "absurd" to suggest that the cut will mean some schools will close.

Rockefeller said later that the suggestion that enrollment will be cut — which is what City University officials have been saying— "is made to frighten people so they will put pressure on the Legislature."

At the close of the session, the governor thanked the parents for coming and commented: "I know I haven't given you answers you wanted to hear." The observation was correct.

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Rocky Rejects Private School Parent Aid

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller rejected Friday the idea of state aid to parents of private school children and more money for the state's "Big Six" cities to ease financial burdens.

He made his comments during a brief stop-over in his trip to Auburn where he was scheduled to address a Cayuga County Republican dinner Friday night.

The governor commented on the so-called Speno bill of financial grants to parents of children in private schools during an interview at WHEN-TV. It was taped for broadcast later.

The governor's flight from New York City was held up for about an hour when a woman telephoned Hancock Airport and said "there's a bomb in the place and I hope it gets Rocky", State Police said.

Troopers searched the terminal building but did not find any bomb.

In his remarks, Rockefeller said "It's a quick and easy solution to the crisis in the Catholic schools but in the cities it would mean white parents would take their children out of public schools and build their own private schools."

Southern states would seize the measure and use it to continue segregated education facilities, he said.

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CATEGORY E. - HUMAN RIGHTS

Blasts Democrats' Civil Rights Stand

JUL 25 1963

By WARREN ROGERS
Chief Washington Correspondent, Hearst Headline Service

Miami Beach, Fla., July 24—New York Governor Rockefeller, in one last parting shot, accused the Democratic majority today of making a "farce" of the civil rights issue at the 55th Governors Conference.

The Democrats, hopelessly split over civil rights on a north vs. South basis, could not shake off the Rockefeller gadfly, even when they came up with a declaration of conscience signed by 37 governors.

Gov. Rockefeller was chided by the Democrats as the only Republican who refused to sign the declaration. But he stole the Democrats' thunder by taking the floor at the final pre-adjournment session and declaring:

"We've had a gag rule adopted, a debate on civil rights and the appointment of our executive committee to look into the matter.

"I don't think that governors who don't want to vote on civil rights should go around in the corridor outside the conference hall signing petitions.

"This is a farce."

Cites Last Year

Governor Rockefeller said the declaration was the same thing he had called for at last year's conference in Hershey, Pa. This year, he said, he had tried and failed because of Democratic opposition, to put the governors on record as a group in favor of a strong civil rights stand.

He then tried to do it again, this time by seeking a suspension of new conference rules prohibiting passage of any resolutions. He said the Declaration of Conscience should be adopted under a suspension of the rules as an official policy statement of the Governors Conference.

Governor Rockefeller's move [illegible] The 100 governors [illegible]

Mrs. Rockefeller 'charming,' is reaction among women at Governors' conference. See Page 5.

were nine other Republicans who were in the room at the time, plus two Democrats.

It was another case of a triumphant defeat for Governor Rockefeller. He had mousetrapped the Democrats. At first refusing to sign the declaration, and then going them one better by demanding its formal adoption as a binding resolution.

Filed With Record

In the end, the declaration, proposed by Gov. Endicott Peabody of Massachusetts and the five other New England governors, was simply filed with the conference record.

The same thing was done with a petition presented by Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California, a Democrat, and signed by 27 other governors which expressed support for President Kennedy's civil rights legislative program.

Governor Rockefeller's civil rights maneuver came after he and the other Republican governors scored still another upset which forced the Democratic majority to give ground in a dispute over public welfare legislation.

A 25-16 vote by silent repudiated a report by the Conference Welfare Committee, dominated by Democrats.

The vote accepted both the majority report, which specifically endorsed President Kennedy's legislative program on welfare matters, and the Republican minority report, which called only for general approval [illegible]

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'Town Meeting' Misses

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Rocky's Pitch Misses Plate

1969

By JUDITH BENDER

BUFFALO — The first interruption came barely 10 minutes into Governor Rockefeller's slide presentation of the state's fiscal problems in the half-darkness of Kleinhans Hall here.

"How many blacks will help build it?" shouted the heckler, after the governor referred to plans for major construction at the State University in Suburban Amherst.

This was the first, but by no means the last, interruption yesterday as the governor brought his so-called "town meeting" to the Buffalo area.

MR. ROCKEFELLER alternately bristling and composed under the first sustained heckling he has run into during these meetings, heard complaints from a packed house of more than 1,200 persons.

Although speakers disputed the governor on may subjects, the heckling centered on the state's failure up to now to open up opportunitis for Negroes and other nonwhites in the building trades unions.

"If there are to be black workers on these jobs, there's got to be not just a wrench in thinking, but a radical change," asserted Norman Goldfard, representing the Citizen's Council on Human Relations, an umbrella organization of civil rights groups in Buffalo. "All we ask is a meeting with you."

"What more advantegeous meeting can you have than here with the television cameras turning?" answered the Governor.

THIS RESPONSE drew a chorus of boos and shouts: "Answer . . ."

"This is the way I feel," Mr. Rockefeller started.

The shouts drowned him out: "It's not talk we need, but action."

Trying again, the Governor said: "Let's be honest. . . ."

The shouts came again: "Just answer — yes or no."

Mr. Rockefellr refused to be pinned down.

"When we have our plans ready, we'll sit down and talk with you," he said, turning to snap at a erstwhile heckler: "You sit down and I'll call on you when I'm ready."

Later, however, he appeared to change his mind and told a state university student he would meet with "representatives of the community."

MOST HECKLERS appeard to be college students—some clean dressed, others bearded. They remained quiet, however, when other speakers addressed the Governor on subjects other than more construction jobs for nonwhites.

A negro community worker asked bitterly: "Are we supposed to be thankful to you for the crumbs you have given us?"

At anothr point, he complained that Black people "don't have a voice" in the mammouth urban renewal projects affecting their neighborhoods.

The governor retorted, "You're getting one," and went on to describe the community advisory board under his new Urban Developmnt Corporation (UDC) legislation, which was passed last year.

"The advisory group does not have any power and it's not the rich who are burning down cities — it's the poor," the Negro reported.

EARLIR in the day, Mr. Rockefeller and Mayor Frank Seditz of Buffalo announced the signing of an agreement with CDC to build some 2,400 housing units — many of them low-income-in an area along the Buffalo waterfront.

The governor, who is attempting to defend his 1969-70 budget plan — an increase in the state sales tax of 1 per cent and 5 per cent cut in projected state spending also heard complaints about college facilities; the proposed cutback of state aid; transportation in the Niagara area, and the imprisonment of a Negro radical, Martin Sostre, on narcotics charges.

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Rockefeller Raps 'Right-to-Work'

Buffalo, Oct. 14 (1969) — Governor Rockefeller, an opponent of right-to-work laws in New York State, said tonight he was against any proposal to curtail the rights of workers on a national level.

"I shall make every effort in the days ahead to insure that the Republican Party nationally maintains the position it took in its 1960 platform against any federal 'right-to-work' legislation," Governor Rockefeller said.

"I am against any federal 'right-to-work' law," declared the governor, an undeclared candidate for the GOP presidential nomination.

Apparently, the federal right-to-work question was one of the subjects Governor Rockefeller wanted to debate with Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, also considered a leading GOP candidate to oppose President Kennedy in next year's election.

Needs Clearing

"In suggesting preconvention debates to the Republican Party, this federal 'right-to-work' question is one of the issues on which I feel the party needs to be clear in its position," the governor said.

Senator Goldwater has declined Governor Rockefeller's challenge to a series of debates.

In a speech at an anniversary dinner of the Workmen's Compensation Committee of District 4, United Steelworkers of America, Governor Rockefeller said:

"We want responsible collective bargaining by labor and management. That is why I have opposed—and will continued to oppose—the so-called 'right-to-work' laws in our state."

Several hours before he addressed the union officials, Governor Rockefeller met privately with a group of Buffalo business leaders and one of the legislature's top Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Walter J. Mahoney.

Earlier, a Rockefeller spokesman said the governor would meet Sunday morning with Vermont Republican leaders at Woodstock, Vt. The meeting will follow one the governor plans Friday with young Republicans at the University of New Hampshire.

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Rocky Rights Bills Expand

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on Housing, Job, Age

By CAROL R. RICHARDS
Gannett News Service

It would be illegal for a housewife to discriminate because of race or color in hiring a cleaning lady or maid; illegal for a homeowner to discriminate if he rents out three or more of his rooms, and illegal for an employer to discriminate because of age under the human rights legislation filed by Governor Rockefeller.

Mr. Rockefeller said his bills would strengthen the current human rights laws and "are important in order that we provide full opportunity in employment and housing, to enable all our citizens to share in the great benefits of civilization."

His measures would also end the ban on keeping records of employe's race. "This approach was in its inception based on the expectation that without records it would be more difficult to discriminate," Mr. Rockefeller said in a memo. "In fact, the lack of records has made it easier for a person committing an unlawful discriminatory practice to shield his action . . ."

Another Rockefeller bill would expressly extend the human rights law to employer and union training programs.

Current law bans discrimination for reasons of race, creed color or national origin for all employees of four or more persons.

Governor Rockefeller's measure would extend the ban to employers of from one to four persons, including domestic employes.

On rental properties, the present law exempts from human rights legislation owner-occupied or renter-occupied homes with three or more rooms available for rent. Mr. Rockefeller's bill would end this exemption.

Several laws now deal with age discrimination—including one statute protecting persons in the 45 to 65 age bracket. Mr. Rockefeller would combine the several restrictions into one over all law making it illegal to discriminate because of age.

Features making it illegal to discriminate by reason of race, creed, color or national origin in such job-related endeavors as apprenticeship and training programs, promotion and recruitment round out Governor Rockefeller's 1970 human rights program.

Mr. Rockefeller also gave his office's endorsement to a series of bills filed by the State Division of Human rights, that would:

—Ban discrimination by reason of race, creed, color, national origin or sex in all commercial transations and in determining membership in all trade, business and professional associations.

—Ban discrimination by reason of sex in places of public accommodation and housing accommodation; and

—Authorize the Division of Humane Rights to impose administrative fines in cases of violation of the human rights law.

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Rocky Gives Women the 'Political Aye'

By PAT KEEGAN

GOVERNOR Nelson A. Rockefeller went on record Tuesday as welcoming women into the race for elected office.

In informal remarks following his address to the League of Women Voters annual legislative conference, the governor, referring to the meeting of the Women's Political Caucus last week, said: "I welcome women into the race for elective office. We are far behind other countries in having women as elected officials."

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SPEAKING to the LWV about the varied and numerous problems facing state government the governor urged the league to work especially for court reform.

He said: "No group in this state has been further out front in working for court reform than the League of Women Voters."

"This year, a major court reform measure is before the Legislature. I am, of course, referring to the proposal to replace our present, disgraceful automobile insurance system with a fair, modern system of no fault insurance."

"Today, about 115,000 auto-accident cases are bogging down the courts of this state. Today, 125 judges are tied up trying auto accident cases that shouldn't be in the courts in the first place—judges who could be trying criminal case, narcotics pushers and racketeers."

CONCLUDING the Governor said: "Of all the things that we could do immediately that would unclutter our courts and release judicial manpower for serious cases, none would have a more immediate impact than the passage of no fault auto insurance.

"No fault auto insurance is a major reform of the courts. I, therefore, warmly invite the league to get on board and help us turn the tide in this vital issue in favor of the people."

After hearing the governor, delegates to the conference went to visit members of the Senate and Assembly to lobby for or against the bills that the league is supporting or opposing this year.

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CATEGORY F. - SOUTH MALL

Rocky Reveals South Mall Cost Leaps Another $75 Million

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By CAROL R. RICHARDS
Gannett News Service

Governor Rockefeller has revealed that the cost of the South Mall state office building project has gone up $75 million to an estimated price tag of $745 million.

Speaking before a legislative meeting of the State Council of Churches last night, Mr. Rockefeller said under the lease-purchase arrangement by which the 14-building project is being financed, "it's not taking (money) from other programs; education and what not. We'd have to pay rent on other office space if we weren't paying rent on this."

The mall is being built with Albany County bond money and will be "bought" back by the state over the next 30y years through rent payments made to Albany County. Two months ago the county hiked its borrowing authorization to $670 million for the mall, and that figure—until now—has been the one cited by state experts as the official mall price tag.

Mr. Rockefeller didn't elaborate on the cause of the increased estimate but noted during a question and answer period that rising construction costs have been the chief reason for earlier price escalations. The original estimate for the entire project was $250 million back in 1963, and the completion date then was 1967. The target date now is 1974 or 1975.

State Comptroller Arthur Levitt, a Democrat, has been predicting for some time that the eventual cost will be $1 billion.

Democratic contenders for the gubernatorial nomination have turned the expensive mall project into a political issue, saying it's immoral to pour all that money into buildings while refusing massive aid increases to education and welfare.

Later, Governor Rockefeller chided President Nixon for permitting passage of the federal tax cut, and said:

"If I had been President I would have vetoed the tax bill."

Responding to a Protestant minister's query of what counsel Mr. Rockefeller would give to the President on inflation, the governor said Mr. Nixon should have told the people of the country the tax cut was inflationary and garnered their support for a veto.

"But he chose another course," said Mr. Rockefeller. "Time will tell whether he's right."

The governor also criticized Congress for passing expensive measures like the Health, Education and Welfare budget, knowing that because of the tax cut the President can't sign it. He described this as "games being played in Washington between a Democratic controlled Congress and a Republican President."

"It's not easy to control inflation," said Mr. Rockefeller. "But whatever measures to control inflation are needed should be taken."

He said Mr. Nixon will have to face wage, price and dividend controls if his present economic policies don't work.

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South Mall Ceremony Picketed

By MARJORIE LeBRUM

Pickets carrying signs asking "Where is the low income housing" caused Governor Rockefeller to depart from his prepared speech in a ground-breaking ceremony for middle-income apartments yesterday.

Scheduled to start a pile-driver working on the construction of the South Mall Towers — 350 apartments for middle-income elderly people — Governor Rockefeller noted the six representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) standing quietly with their signs in the crowd during the ceremonies yesterday.

"FOR THOSE WHO need housing, the explanations of government don't answer the needs of the people," he said speaking to the pickets. "These men and women are giving us the message to speed up the change in government structures and get housing for them to meet their needs," he said to the assembled officials.

"I am aware that what is being done (in the area of housing) is not on a scale large enough and is not being done fast enough to meet the needs of people," he said. "However I think we can do more in the future."

THE PICKETS made no response to the governor's comments. Before the ceremonies began, E. J. Bosey, treasurer of Albany Chapter of the NAACP and one of the pickets, explained why he was there.

"This housing for the aged is primarily for those of middle income," he said. "About 6,000 people were displaced to build the Mall. Where is the housing for them? I deplore this. We're here to let Rockefelier and (Mayor) Corning know that we do not condone this lack of low income housing."

As the governor returned to his prepared speech, he noted that "few things can provide more dignity or security for older people than good homes."

HE SAID THERE would be two eight-story buildings containing 172 efficiency apartments and 178 one-bedroom apartments in the building located along the South Mall arterial between Grand, South Pearl and VanZandt Streets.

The apartments would be available to women over 62 years of age and men over 65, either singled or married couples, he said.

"Through federal and state assistance, we can expect to hold rents to $40 a room," he said.

Charles Urstadt, director of State Housing and Community Renewal, estimated that an efficiency apartment of 2½ rooms would rent for $100 a month and that the one-bedroom apartments would rent for about $120 a month.

THE GOVERNOR commended the Capital Area Council of Churches for sponsoring the project, the State Housing Authority for its work and the Albany Savings Bank which "speeded up construction with a temporary $265,000 mortgage loan."

The project is expected to cost $10 million when completed.

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Governor Defends Mall Costs

By JAY AMBROSE

Governor Rockefeller, responding to news reports that the state's management increased the cost of the South Mall project, said yesterday that cost would have gone up even more if construction planning had been handled differently.

The governor told reporters at a Capitol press conference that mud removal and foundation work at the site took longer than anticipated, resulting in additional payments to contractors who could not begin work on schedule.

But he said construction would have cost 100 per cent more if the state had delayed signing contracts until the site was ready for the contractors to move in.

"With costs rising at the rate of 1 per cent per month," he said, "a five-year delay would have resulted in a 100 per cent increase in contract cost, based on compound interest."

According to recent reports, construction delays have added $85 million to the cost of the mall. The legislature, which voted an additional $130 million for the project in the governor's deficiency budget this week, has established a committee to determine why these delays have occurred.

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Asked at yesterday's press conference why the state could not construct as quickly or inexpensively as the Twin Towers building in Albany, the governor said it was "a perfect example why a free enterprise society is better than a totalitarian society."

He explained that a private firm can get more cooperation form unions for a small project than the state can for a big one.

He also said the state must award contracts to the lowest bidder, and that some of these contractors have not "had the experience to do this kind of work."

When the governor was asked, would one of the buildings at the Mall be ready for occupancy.

"Well," he said with a smile, "let's just hope we are all here."

The governor, however, defended the purject.

"I think it is going to turn out to be the greatest thing that has happened to this country in 100 years," he said.

He said any large project which is ahead of its time "is subject to tremendous criticism," but added that when the Mall is finished it will be "the greatest drawing card in terms of a tourist attraction, not only from this country but from all over the world, and a hallmark of the great Empire State."

The cost of the Mall is now put at $792 million, up from the original estimate of $480 million. With interest included, it is likely to cost more than $1 billion.

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CATEGORY G. - U. S. POLICY

Rockefeller CAMPAIGN

Hits Kennedy

SEP 17 1963

Sharpest Yet

By VICTOR OSTROWIDSKI
Times-Union Staff Writer

Accord, Sept. 16 — Governor Rockefeller tonight made his hardestlhitting indictment of

Goldwater will back Rockefeller. See Page 2.

the Kennedy administration, charging that the "will to resist communism has been eroded everywhere."

This has happened, Governor Rockefeller said, "because of our attitude towards the Soviet nations and our dealings with Communist leaders without consulation with our allied partners."

zThe governor, a likely contender against President Kennedy next year, said:

"I know this is a pretty seriious indictment, but the Kennedy admistration has submerged principle to political expediency and opportunism."

Charges Expediency

He spoke at the annual fund raising dinner of the Ulster County Republican organization.

"The Kennedy admistration lacks a clear sence of national purpose and clearly defined national and international goals," Governor Rockefeller said.

Instead, today we have a government of expediency and gimmicks with no clear sense of direction. This sort of superpublic relations operation proceeds as an erratic and often inconsistent series of improvised reactions to crises after they are upon us," he said.

The nation lacks a true political leadership, "in meeting fundamental, national and international problem facing us and the free world," the governor charged.

Mrs. Rockefeller accompanied the governor on the trip today which began in New City, Rockland County.

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Kennedy Lacks Vision, Governor Says

ROCKEFELLER — REPUBLICAN

By VIC OSTROWIDZKI
Times-Union Staff Writer

Governor Rockefeller tonight continued his attack on the Kennedy administration.

The governor, a potential GOP presidential candidate, charged that this country "cannot afford the government that has the power, but lacks the vision, will, and capacity to act."

Addressing the joint fund raising dinner of the Warren and Washington Counties Republican organizations in the Queensbury Hotel, the governor said that, during President Eisenhower's administration "we never talked with the Communists unless we knew that our allies agreed to our position.

"Now we act and then consult with our allies, embarrassing them on many occasions."

Mr. Rockefeller said the Democratic administration failed to provide leadership in every phase of day-to-day living.

More than [illegible] persons met Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller at Glens Falls Airport. Signs saying: "Happy, Glad to Have You With Us," "Washington and Warren Counties A-OK For You" greeted them.

The governor told the local Republicans that the state plans to push construction on an 82-mile gap in the Adirondack Northway as "rapidly as completed plans and funds become available."

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Governor Pins Appeaser Tag On Kennedy

OCT 22 1963

New York, Oct. 21 (AP)—Governor Rockefeller tonight accused the Kennedy administration of "trying to appease the reactionary wing of the Democratic Party and blame Republicans as a smokescreen" on the civil rights issue.

The governor also said the administration shows signs of leftward movement in international affairs and warned against what he called "cynical gestures" by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

"The danger to freedom that stems from the ruthless goals of international communism is as real today as it was a year ago when Soviet missiles were aimed at our cities from launching pads in Cuba," Governor Rockefeller said.

Recalls Their Vote

In a speech at the opening session of the Empire Missionary Baptist convention in Brooklyn, he accused President Kennedy and Senator Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., of casting Senate votes against civil rights legislation.

Senator Goldwater is Governor Rockefeller's front-running opponent in the unavowed race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Governor Rockefeller said that President Kennedy, then senator from Massachusetts, and Senator Goldwater both voted in 1957 to send the Eisenhower administration's civil rights bill to the Judiciary Committee headed by segregationist Senator James Eastland, D-Miss.

The legislation would have been defeated, Governor Rockefeller said, had the votes of the two senators prevailed.

Now, the governor added, "we see President Kennedy having failed for two and one-half years to make any serious effort to fulfill his 1960 campaign commitments for civil rights legislation.

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Rockefeller
DEC 15 1967

Gives Views On U.S. Policy

By ANTHONY DE NIGRO

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Thursday United States foreign policy should be geared toward achieving an international political structure which can win almost worldwide acceptance.

In one of his few statements on foreign policy, Rockefeller wrote in the new issue of Foreign Affairs magazine that it is up to the United States to take the lead in supplying two ingredients lacking in current world diplomacy.

He defined these as a concept of relations between nations and a framework of order to attain humanity's aspirations and to guide emerging nations.

Rockefeller, who has repeatedly said he is not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, did not directly criticize American foreign policy and did not mention the war in Vietnam.

"For a people grown great in the experience of the frontier," he wrote, "The twin challenges of humanizing a technocratic bureaucracy and helping the world find a modern structure offer an adventurous opportunity."

"The dialogue we need," he said, "is one geared to a conceptual approach to the problems at home and abroad, not to individual 'solutions' based on the illusion that we can escape problems by fragmenting them."

Under the current lack of agreement on objectives, he said, the tendency is to deal with issues one by one, to break up problems and to assign each part to an expert. Such an approach polarizes debate, he said, adding:

"In the face of such complexities, and lacking unifying concepts and long-range objectives, many leaders are tempted to invoke their assumedly superior information rather than resort to patient explanation.

"And critics who demand perfection forget that while great objectives are essential, they can be reached only if one is prepared to advance by measured steps."

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Lawlessness in the cities, the restlessness of youth, and an inconclusive war—

Policy and The People

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, while avowedly not a candidate for the Presidency or the Republican Party nomination for that office this year, is nonetheless considered by political observers and pollsters as among the frontrunners in a large field of candidates.

In light of this, the following article by the Governor is a significant document for in it he offers a rare insight into his views on national and foreign affairs and his concept of the role of the people in formulating government policy.

The article, "Policy and the People," appears in the current issue of Foreign Affairs: An American Quarterly Review published in New York by the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc.

Rockefeller Policy & People

JAN 28 1968

By NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER

Amidst the rapid and often bewildering change that characterizes our age, advocates of extreme solutions seem to be gaining ground everywhere. Lawlessness in the cities, the restlessness of a good part of the younger generation — especially those in college—and an inconclusive war cause a growing disquiet.

We live in an age of revolutionary transformation. We can seek to shape it or we can doom ourselves to irrelevance. We can accept the challenge to our creativity or we can resign ourselves to ineffectual bitterness. We can lose ourselves in passionate and paralyzing controversy over technical aspects of individual problems, or, we can, as I deeply believe we must, develop a more creative perspective — one which enables us to see the inner relationship of great issues and the larger framework within which they can be solved.

A characteristic of a revolutionary period is that it appears to its contemporaries as a series of unrelated crises. What has seemed an obvious course of action in one decade becomes problematic in another. Familiar concepts for dealing with our problems become detached from present reality. This is a particular difficulty in a society like ours which historically has dealt with its challenges "pragmatically" — that is, on the basis of values and concepts accepted as too obvious to require explicit formulation. Such an attitude is effective in dealing with technical problems, but increases the difficulty where human considerations are involved — whether in changes of social structure or in our foreign relations. In the absence of a guiding philosophy, the tendency is to await developments. This attitude can make it difficult even to agree on the nature of a problem, much less on its solution. Thus the analysis of a technical issue takes precedence over purpose, which alone can make remedies relevant. More energy is expended on deciding where we are than where we should be going. While a crisis may remove any doubt about the existence of a problem, it also curtails the scope for productive action.

A constant problem in government is to establish a balance between creativity and knowledge. When the scope for action is greatest, the knowledge on which to base it is at a minimum. When "all the facts are in," the chance for imaginative action has often disappeared. This is why I believe that the test of a leader is whether he is willing to act on the basis of assessments which cannot be "proved" empirically when they are made.

In a democracy this can happen effectively only if leaders have the convictions and the faith to act when the tactical pros and cons seem fairly evenly balanced and only if there exists a constant dialogue between leaders and the public. My own experience has convinced me that, all too often, problems are tackled when it is too late. The art of government consists of identifying emerging problems in time, of understanding the forces that shape them, of confronting these problems with a clear sense of purpose, and achieving consensus on a plan of action drawn to an adequate scale and made relevant to the citizen.

A worrisome aspect of the present period seems to me to be the growing frustration of the public in the face of rapid change over which they feel they do not have much control. Too often the result is a feeling of not being a part of the political process. It may take the form of a sense of impotence in the face of problems believed to be beyond the ken of the average citizen, or of a distrust of all government, or of both simultaneously. If this trend continues we will lose the mainspring of our traditional vitality.

A democracy cannot afford "drop-outs" from the process of government. We must develop fresh premises that will demonstrate how our ideals remain relevant to the realities that confront the citizen. In the midst of perplexing technical problems, our deepest challenge is increasingly philosophical.

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Industrialization and the specialization of functions inseparable from it, coupled with the growth of government bureaucracy and power, jeopardize the relationship of the individual to his work and of the citizen to his government. Democratic values developed in essentially agricultural or commercial societies. In no country did democracy develop as a result of industrialization. (Germany and Japan adopted democratic forms only after catastrophic military defeats.) An industrial economy depends on values like predictability and efficiency, which may call forth a sort of "constitutionalism" — a set of commonly accepted rules. Unfortunately, the values are not necessarily "democratic values" as the term is commonly understood in the West. In other words, democracy is not the result of a quest for efficiency and a higher standard of living but of other values that are deeper. These include the Judaeo-Christian tradition of the worth and dignity of the individual, the historical evolution in the West of autonomous Church and State hierarchies, the belief in a standard of justice which transcends the power to coerce, and faith in human creativity as a basis for progress.

Industrialization leads to two somewhat contradictory tendencies. On the one hand, it provides the means to realize the economic and social aspirations of the people more fully and the possibility of their participating more broadly in government. On the other hand, material progress by itself only exposes the need for a deeper purpose to life. If prosperity becomes an end in itself, it may well produce a growing alienation of the citizen from the body politic.

It is our tradition and conviction as a nation that the individual is to be protected from any undue accumulation or power. This purpose underlies the separation of powers in government, the divorce of Church and State, the civilian control of the military, and the labor and antitrust laws directed against the abuse of economic power. In the nineteenth century, it was believed that freedom depended on limiting the role of government. But in the 1930s, the threat to freedom seemed to come from the predominance of economic over human considerations. Sweeping legislation was enacted to help the economically deprived and to ensure that no citizen would become the victim of all-powerful economic forces. Now our generation is in the process of learning that some problems cannot be solved by legislation alone. The plight of the cities, for example, is in

strategy becomes almost entirely dependent on theoretical calculations and psychological criteria. Never has so much hung on weapons for which there exists so little operational experience. At the same time, judgment of the interaction of complicated weapons systems is largely psychological. In a policy of deterrence, what matters above all is the opponent's state of mind. For purposes of state of mind. For purposes of deterrence, a threat meant as a bluff but taken seriously is more useful than a serious threat interpreted as a bluff.

Perhaps nowhere is the gap between substantive knowledge and the operation of the democratic process so complicated as in the field of defense. The issues are highly technical; experts with years of experience disagree among themselves, often violently. Congressional committees have difficulty in acquiring comprehensive knowledge as to the interrelationship of technical, strategic and policy issues involved; their resulting frustration often strains executive-legislative relationships. For the average citizen, the task may seem almost insurmountable. Yet his very existence may quite literally depend on decisions about our strategic posture. Confronted with this dilemma, he may become cynical or fall prey to demagogic appeals. It is the task of leadership to encourage thoughtful discussion and to make certain that the public understands the fundamental —essentially non-technical—considerations on which our strategic posture depends.

Meanwhile, the world has become fragmented as never before. In the nineteenth century, the emergence of two new states—Italy and Germany—disturbed the equilibrium for decades. In the twentieth century, the development and aggressive spread of communist ideology and the appearance of scores of new states were bound to be accompanied by turmoil. The unrest has been intensified because the domestic instability of many new states tempts outside forces to exploit their internal weaknesses and encourages their own leaders to use foreign dangers to strengthen their hold on a shaky domestic position.

Three characteristics of our age—basic sense of insecurity, the lack of a political structure and the absence of consensus as to objectives—mark it as a period of transition in international relations. So long as there is no agreement on objectives, the temptation is great to deal with issues one by one. There is a tendency to break up problems into their constituent elements and to assign each to be dealt with by experts in the area.

Such an approach means we deal with symptoms. Debate is polarized between those who see every upheaval as caused by the deliberate design of evil men and others who, in our age of inter-continental missiles and instantaneous communication, question whether we have any national interest beyond our shores. In the face of such complexities, and lacking unifying concepts and long-range objectives, many leaders are tempted to invoke their assumedly superior information rather than resort to patient explanation. And critics who demand perfection forget that, while great objectives are essential, they can be reached only if one is prepared to advance by measured steps. Some rely for help on what are thought to be the automatic processes of history: the "inevitable" amelioration of dictatorship or the "automatic" association of humane governmental systems with economic development. But history will not do our work for us. Whether totalitarian systems can be brought to a more accommodating posture depends at least in part on whether there are penalties for bad faith and bad behavior. And the history of this century should have demonstrated that economic progress, if not leavened by humane values, may only refine the tools of slavery. Nazism did not develop, after all, in an economically backward society.

The sense of impotence—of being unable to affect events—is even more acute in facing problems of foreign policy than in domestic policy. Yet the challenge is relatively straightforward. The crucial fact is that we have not developed an effective political structure to bring about peaceful change. The upheaval in the world will subside only with the emergence of a more or less generally accepted international system. Until then, all nations will live with the consciousness of danger, and until then military power will remain essential to national security.

At the same time, one must recognize that security can not be achieved by power alone, for this would be the road to empire if not to cataclysm. The goal is order, but order is not created simply by moral affirmation. In world affairs there are few "final" solutions; foreign policy has no terminal point. Each successful settlement establishes a new set of relationships, with their own complexities and potentials for friction. And though we cannot create order by ourselves we surely cannot come about without us.

IV

The deepest problem before America, then, is moral or psychological. Since much of the current uneasiness reflects a search less for solutions than for meaning, remedies depend for their effectiveness on the philosophy of values which inspire them. The student unrest is impressive, not because some of it is fomented by agitators, but because it includes some of the most idealistic elements of our youth. In fact, much that disquiets us today gives cause for hope, for it reflects not cynicism but disappointed idealism.

Decades of "d e b u n k i n g" and materialism have left the young generation without adequate moral support in face of the challenges of a revolutionary age. Leaders at all levels are seen to have been asking not too much of our people but too little. The contemporary discontent proves among other things that man cannot live by economics alone; he needs quality and purpose in addition to material well-being; he needs significance and meaning beyond physical comfort. The quality and success of the Peace Corps can be explained on no other ground. The spirit of idealism which it has fostered should—and can—animate our actions in meeting a wide range of challenges.

A democracy, to be vital, must be able to mobilize the moral energies of its people. If government at any level should consistently take the attitude that "Father knows best," those moral energies will be sapped at the base. If, on the other hand, protest confines itself to striking poses, it, too, will be doomed to sterility. The dialogue we need is one geared to a conceptual approach to the problems at home and abroad, and not to individual "solutions" based on the illusion that we can escape problems by fragmenting them.

Over the years our society must cherish the pluralism, the centers of initiative, that made America so great. We must give thought to the effort to decentralize initiative. Within the framework of our federal system we must encourage all private organizations, supported by a sense of responsibility on the part of private citizens, which can provide the building blocks to make that effort succeed. Such institutions, and others which are governmental in character, can play a vital part in our conscious strategy to revive the belief of the average American that his opinion matters.

The stakes could hardly be higher. In previous centuries, a part of mankind might languish while another advanced. In a world which is indivisible, a failure to deal with our own problems could spread disintegration worldwide.

For a people grown great in the experience of the frontier, the twin challenges of humanizing a technocratic bureaucracy and helping the world find a modern structure offer an adventurous opportunity. This is an exciting age. The current uneasiness exists because people care—and yet do not see the way to make their aspirations come true. The task is to prove that their aspirations are relevant and attainable. This cannot be the responsibility of the President alone; it is the responsibility of all public officials, of leaders in all walks of life—indeed, of all of us.

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Rocky Back, Urges Shift in U.S. Policy

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NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller returned to New York Sunday from the last of four fact-finding trips in 26 Latin-American countries and said his violence-marred mission showed "there is an urgent need for changes in our policies."

The governor's mission, which began a month and a half ago in Mexico City, was marked at almost every stop with violence in the form of riots, bombings, gunfights or terrorism. Eight persons were killed in incidents directly or indirectly connected with Rockefeller's tour.

Rockefeller spoke to newsmen at planeside after his Air Force jet touched down at Kennedy Airport.

Inside the terminal building, about 200 young radicals demonstrated against the New York governor, but they did not see him nor he them.

Rockefeller said there was no question in his mind that the mission to Central and South America was worthwhile.

The fact-finding trip, undertaken at presidential request, has come under heavy fire as unnecessary and ill-advised.

The New York governor said he was not surprised by the number of anti-American demonstrations, but "the violence was more than I expected."

He said that his travels gave him "a new insight into one of our country's most delicate and complex international situations."

The governor and his advisers arrived from Bridgetown, Barbados, Rockefeller's last stop. He said he already was preparing his reports for President Nixon and hoped to have them ready by August.

He told newsmen in Bridgetown that part of his report would be public and part private and would contain recommendations on U.S. policy for Latin America.

Major problems encountered on the trip, Rockefeller said, were unfavorable trade balances between the Latin nations and the United States, shrinking exchange reserves because of heavy dollar outflows to pay for debt service and increasing U.S. protectionist policy.

He added that the conditions the United States attaches to his financial aid had reached the proportions of becoming a subsidy for U.S. exports. He referred to requirements — recently dropped by the Nixon administration—that countries receiving aid spend the money in the United States.

He said that during his return flight here he received a telegram from Nixon which gave "evidence of the fact that he is satisfied with the results" of the trip and looking forward to Rockefeller's recommendations.

Concerning possible recommendations, Rockefeller said "trade is a major question of concern, as well as repayment of former debts and the balance of payments."

Right now, he said, "the balance of trade and dollar payments are in our favor and there is more coming back to the United States than going out."

Asked for comment on criticism voiced here over his meeting with Francois Duvalier, the Haitian dictator, Rockefeller responded:

"I found out what his thinking is, which is what I was sent for."

Rockefeller characterized the anti-American demonstrations as involving a "whole series of forces and reactions ... which would include Communist forces as well as others."

He said he saw "progress on all fronts" during his visit, but added: "It is not going as fast as the people would like it to."

The anti-Rockefeller demonstration at the airport lasted about two hours, marked by a few scuffles and one person taken into custody by police.

The protest began at noon in the lobby of the International Arrival building. Some 200 young radicals, including Mark Rudd of the Students for a Democratic Society, chanted such slogans as "Cuba Si! Rocky No!"

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Rockefeller Warns Nixon on Latin America Policy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A still-secret report by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York urged President Nixon to increase military aid to Latin America to offset a tide of nationalism and Marxism that could produce more Fidel Castros in the hemisphere.

This was one of more than 60 recommendations — and the most significant warning—contained in the report Rockefeller prepared for Nixon on the basis of the governor's fact-finding missions to 20 Latin American republics earlier this year.

Nixon based his Oct. 31 statement of Latin American policy partially on Rockefeller's recommendations, and the White House will make the governor's 127-page report public Monday.

"The opinion in the United States that communism is no longer a serious factor in the Western Hemisphere is thoroughly wrong," Rockefeller told Nixon in the report. "At the moment there is only one Castro [illegible] the 26 nations of the hemisphere; there can well be more in the future.

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solutions to their socio-economic problems," Rockefeller said in explaining the Communist factor in Latin America.

To offset active subversion, Rockefeller recommended, the United States should increase U.S. military aid and sales to Latin American nations requesting it and should furnish them with aircraft and ships as well as other armament. He also called for increased U.S. grants for security and police training, which during the current fiscal year are about $21 million.

To oversee hemispheric security, he called for creation of a civilian-directed Western Hemisphere Security Council with headquarters in Latin America. He suggested a reduction in the visible U.S. military presence in Latin America by substituting military training groups for the current permanent military missions in the individual countries.

In addition to the threat of Communist subversion, Rockefeller warned that Latin America would be subject in the next several years to growing nationalism that often will be reflected in terms of anti-Americanism. He also predicted that the military will take an increasingly larger part in guiding economic and social development in the hemisphere, even if it must oust constitutional, civilian governments to do it.

Throughout the report, en-

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titled "Quality of Life in the Americas," Rockefeller stressed that the United States should adopt an attitude of partnership in relations with Latin America and abandon its previous paternalistic, sometimes heavy-handed approach.

As steps toward developing such a relationship, Rockefeller recommended preferential treatment of Latin American products that would include major U.S. trade and tariff concessions, a less restrictive

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approach to granting Latin America financial assistance, and a reorganization of the U.S. governmental structure dealing with the continent.

In reference to the latter point, Rockefeller suggested creation of a Cabinet-level secretary of Western Hemisphere affairs.

Nixon, in outlining a new hemispheric policy he called "Action for Progress," made no mention of further military assistance to Latin America. Nor did he seek a new cabinet position for a hemispheric secretary, promising only to request Congress to upgrade the assistant secretary for Inter-American affairs to under secretary.

Nixon did pledge to seek better trade conditions for Latin American countries and to eliminate restrictions on aid, although he said nothing about increasing U.S. financial assistance to Latin America. Nixon stressed partnership with Latin America throughout his policy statement.

Rocky Suggests Latin Anti-Subversion Group

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Western Hemisphere Security Council—based outside the United States—was recommended Monday by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller as a means to deal with subversion in Latin America.

This recommendation by the New York governor came as part of his report on his fact-finding trips to Latin America and was the only major one not disclosed by President Nixon in his Oct. 31 speech on hemispheric problems.

In introducing Rockefeller and releasing the text of his report to newsmen at the White House, Nixon said the administration is actively considering liberalized trade and aid policies toward Latin America.

Nixon said one proposal under study would liberalize the debt repayment burdens many Latin Americans face with the condition that the money saved by the new arrangement be used for development purposes.

A second proposal, he said, would extend trade preferences on a regional basis for Latin America if current efforts for a global reduction of trade barriers are not successful.

Nixon called the Rockefeller report the most comprehensive of all the reports commissioned by U.S. presidents on Latin America over the past two decades.

In his comments to reporters, Rockefeller called the proposal to liberalize debt repayment schedules most ingenious, and credited former World Bank President George Woods with the idea.

Rockefeller declined comment on why Nixon had not endorsed in his Oct. 31 speech Rockefeller's U.S. assistance in strengthening hemispheric security structures.

He said only that the President is fully aware of the problem of subversion in Latin America. Later, White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said Nixon's inaction on the proposal does not necessarily mean it has been rejected.

Rockefeller said there is a new breed of military leaders in Latin America who are showing a high degree of social conciousness but conceded that to many Marxism seems like a feasible alternative for solving the area's myriad problems.

"The essential question is which way is this leadership going to go," he said. "By cooperation I believe that we can strengthen the forces of democracy."

He said there are many conditions to U.S. aid he would like to see removed. One is the requirement that 50 per cent of Latin America's exports to the United States be transported in U.S. ships, he said.

Although saying the Security Council should be headquartered outside the United States, Rockefeller's report said also:

"In view of the growing subversion against hemisphere governments, the mounting terrorism and violence against citizens, and the rapidly expanding population, it is essential that the training program which brings military and police personnel from other hemisphere nations to the United States and to training centers in Panama be continued and strengthened."

Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told newsmen he opposes Rockefeller's recommendation for the extension of further military aid to Latin American nations.

"I oppose more military aid to these nations—I think it's wrong (policy)," Fulbright said.

"For years the whole committee has tried to cut back on military aid and I should expect that it would continue that effort."

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Rocky Hints Support of Nixon

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Wednesday he respects the rights of students to dissent, but indicated tacit approval of President Nixon's Cambodian policy which sparked the latest student protests across the nation.

Noting he had sought the Republican presidential nomination unsuccessfully in 1968 on a peace platform, Rockefeller said: "We have one president in this country . . . He has the constitutional right to make decisions."

"As President, he has a great deal of pressure . . . But I assume this (the U.S. entry into Cambodia) is a move the President feels will accelerate" a drift to peace.

Rockefeller spoke at his Manhattan office as he prepared to sign a bill authorizing use of $14.4 million of state transportation bond money for improvement of the Penn Central's Hudson and Harlem Railroad division, which serve Westchester County.

Rockefeller said that from what he had read and seen, the killings of four Kent State University students resulted "when a group of guardsmen panicked."

Concerning the current wave of student strikes and demonstrations expressing outrage over the Cambodian move and bitterness and grief over the student deaths, Rockefeller said he respects the right of students to dissent.

"The most important thing for America to do is to have freedom of expression," Rockefeller said.

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Rocky Scores Indochina Policy

ITHACA, N.Y. (UPI)—About 250 persons quietly walked out of commencement exercises Saturday just before Governor Rockefeller gave an unusual, hard - hitting speech against American involvement in Indochina.

There was no disruption, and the governor only commented, "Thank God, we live in a land where we can protest peacefully."

Addressing about 4,000 persons at the Ithaca College commencement, Rockefeller deplored the "devastating" effects of the war at home, and proposed a state clearing house to amplify communications between students and a "mechanistic" government.

"To put it simply," he said, "we are involved in a war that no one wants, that no one really understands, and that everyone prays can be ended."

Although it was the governor's strongest statement to date on the war, the speech was received with only polite applause. A late schedule forced him to cancel a question and answer period.

The ceremonies included 30 seconds in which the 700 seniors stood silently and faced the audience, to reflect on current campus unrest.

"This class stands for peace," said the class president, John McGhan of Victor. "We can no longer be called outlaws in the eyes of America for we are America."

Those who walked out, sympathizing with demands for a student strike and opposing Rockefeller's receiving an honorary degree, attended an "alternative commencement," addressed by Douglas Dowd, a Cornell economics professor who has visited Hanoi.

It was one of Rockefeller's first appearance before a campus audience since the U.S. intervention in Cambodia.

"We are clearly in the process of losing mastery over our own destiny," he said.

"The fact that we are in Vietnam, even though none of the presidents had anything to gain and had everything to lose by such a war is clear evidence that events can force us."

The cost of the war, he said, includes "the polarization of the American people," the spending of $100 billion in national resources, and "the worst inflation since World War II."

The governor said the fundamental issue is "how an increasingly mechanistic government can get into proper contact with the thinking of the people — especially the young people."

He said the clearing house, details of which are yet undetermined, would consider any idea "regardless of how unfamiliar it may seem," and he would relay the ideas to Congress and the President. He said he hoped universities would give students course credit for participating.

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Theory Offered on Frost Quiz Show

Rocky Thinks We Balked Peking

NEW YORK (UPI)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in a television interview broadcast Wednesday theorized the Vietnam War may have thwarted Communist Chinese plans to "dominate all of Asia and the Indian continent and move on to Africa."

In a 90-minute taped interview on the David Frost Show, Rockefeller also:

—Warned that President Nixon's forthcoming China trip may open "a door which is dangerous."

—Predicted the disclosure of the "Pentagon papers" by Dr. Daniel Ellsberg to The New York Times may force the United States to "re-examine the whole use of secrecy."

—Ruled out his candidacy for the presidency next year should Nixon seek re-election and said he "wasn't built" for the vice presidency.

One Theory

Rockefeller said one theory was that a Chinese "push into Southeast Asia" was probably "turned inward" by the strong American commitment in South Vietnam.

"You're saying really that the war in Vietnam served a useful purpose?" asked Frost.

"Well, I'm wondering whether historians, looking at it from a world point of view, might say maybe there was some merit in this thesis," replied Rockefeller. "I'm putting it out only as a thesis because you asked me the question.

"Now maybe that will be the decision of the historians," the governor added. "I think maybe history is going to say that this did have an impact far greater than anyone realizes on the course of the history of the world."

Commenting on Nixon's planned journey, Rockefeller cautioned that Russian reaction to the trip, sparked by the Soviet Union's intense, sometimes bitter, rivalry with China, could be dangerous.

"I think we don't want to take things for granted," he said. "But this is a sort of a three-cornered operation that could be very exciting."

Asked by Frost if Ellsberg, who disclosed the "Pentagon papers," was a man to be admired or to be criticized, Rockefeller said he could see some good results from the publishing of the papers.

He said he foresaw a reappraisal of the length of time information should be held secret. "It's very difficult for a democracy to function effectively if the important facts are not known by the people who are supposed to make the decisions," he added.

However, the governor said a certain amount of secrecy may be necessary.

An unsuccessful aspirant three times for the Republican presidential nomination, Rockefeller all but ruled out a fourth try.

If Nixon seeks re-election, Rockefeller told Frost he would support him. "If he didn't" said Rockefeller, "then that's a different ball game."

Asked by Frost if it would "be an interesting ball game," Rockefeller replied: "I've been in that three times and struck out all three times. So far it hasn't been too interesting in the past."

During the extended interview, which comprised the entire show, Rockefeller talked millionaire oilman John D. Rockefeller, his mother and his successful campaign against Arthur Goldberg for a fourth term as New York governor.

Rockefeller said that when he and Goldberg met for dinner during the 1970 gubernatorial primaries his son Nelson, then 6, was introduced to Goldberg.

"And he said, "Mr. Goldberg, I hope you win," said Rockefeller." He said "I want my daddy home'."

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Rocky Proclaims Week of Concern for PWs Held in N. Vietnam

Eight relatives of prisoners of war (PWs) watched Tuesday as Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller signed a proclamation declaring March 26-April 1 a "Week of Concern" for those persons being held captive in North Vietnam.

George Brooks of Newburgh, vice chairman of the National League of Families of PWs and MIAs (men missing in action), said he hoped the event would start a "groundswell of public opinion" behind the organization and its efforts.

Governor Rockefeller using a red, white and blue pen of the national league, signed the proclamation which declared that despite the reduction of the level of hostilities in Southeast Asia and President Nixon's "best efforts" to obtain the release of some 1,400 PWs, "the problem of the prisoners of war in North Vietnam remains."

"The treatment of these young men violates the Geneva Convention. They have been subjected to abuse and humiliation; the sick and wounded have not been released; camp inspection by neutrals has not been permitted," the governor said.

The plight of the PWs — which inludes an estimated 100 state residents — "is a humanitarian issue, not a political issue," the governor said.

Among those attending the brief ceremony in the Capitol were Mrs. Merwin Morrill of Newburgh, whose husband is missing in action; Mrs. John Terry of Syracuse, wife of U.S. Representative John Terry; Mrs. Frederick Helwig of Gloversville, mother of Gregory John Harris, who is missing in action; Mrs. Richard Newport of Poestenkill, sister of Wayne Goodermote of Berlin, a PW; Mrs. Michael Balamonti of Syracuse, whose husband is missing in action, and Mrs. Richard Morin of Syracuse, whose husband is missing in action. Mrs. Morin is the daughter of Representative Terry and Mrs. Terry.

Mr. Brooks said they want a complete list of men being held and inspections of PW camps.

"This could be accomplished if the nation's leaders and the State of New York got behind it," he said.

"Some of these men have been held for five, six and eight years. It's unbelievable that people can't be stirred to do something about it," Mr. Brooks said.

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Watergate Won't Harm Party: Rocky

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York said Tuesday he doesn't believe that Watergate will harm the Republican Party.

"I don't think they Watergate are problems of the party, but are problems of individuals," the four-term Republican governor told a news conference.

"I think we are going to learn from this matter, but I don't think this is a party issue."

Rockefeller commented on Watergate only briefly before addressing Town Hall, an organization of civic and business leaders. But in his speech, he spoke indirectly of the scandal.

"What the agony of the present momen is underscoring is that the American people want frankness from their governments at all levels," the governor said. "They want integrity in public life.

They want an open democracy-there can be no other kind for very long. Above all, they want a return to moral values. They want government leadership that will place enduring moral principal over immediately political advantage.

"They want the Judeo Christian values--which we were born by and raised by —to be the moral standards we live by—including and above all in positions of public trust."

Rockefeller addressed the Town Hall meeting on "The Future of American in Its Third Century."

Rockefeller has initiated in New York a study on the role of the modern state in a changing world. He asked his state officials to review the goals of society, to assess the means used to achieve them and where necessary, to reshape institutions. Last May, at the suggestion of President Nixon, the study was expanded into a national commission.

At the news conference, the New York chief executive declined to discuss what role he might play in the presidential election year of 1976.

Asked to comment on a statement by Sen. Barry Golwater, R-Ariz., that Rockefeller was the choice of Nixon for the Republican presidential nomination in 1976, Rockefeller said "I have no evidence of what the President is thinking."

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Rockefeller: Watergate A 'Tragedy'

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller said Friday President Nixon's announcement that he would name a new special prosecutor answers some questions about Watergate.

But Rockefeller, speaking at a news conference here, dodged outright support or criticism of Nixon on the Watergate scandal.

While expressing support for Nixon on foreign affairs and some domestiic matters, he said the President must share some of the responsibility of Watergate.

"Of course, everybody knows it has been a tremendous tragedy," said Rockefeller. But he added he thinks it has not weakened Nixon's effectiveness in such matters as foreign affairs.

On the question of impeachment, Rockefeller said an investigation of the possibility of impeachment should continue in the U.S. House of Representatiyes.

"But no matter what happens the country's going to be divided," he said.

Referring appointment of a special prosecutor to replace the ousted Archibald Cox, Rockefeller said one strength of the federal system is that if one branch did not act in a cerain area, another could.

When asked how seriously he is considering running for president in 1976, Rockefeller said he first must decide whether he will seek a fifth term as governor.

After his arrival here Friday afternoon, Rockefeller went to the University of Arizona, where he addressed a standing-room-only audience.

He urged Americans to restore theiir trust and confidence in the United States and each other.

Americans, he said, are living in what he called "an extraordinary period of change." He also said the Watergate scandal is a "tragedy of the individual, not the Republican Party."

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Rocky Seems Unconcerned with Watergate Fallout

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By FRANK LYNN
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NEW YORK — There was a time when Richard Nixon — not John Lindsay — was Governor Rockefeller's favorite political ogre. But now, when the President is in the deepest trouble of his political life and many Republicans are openly antagonistic to the President, Rockefeller has studiously avoided any criticism of Nixon.

His standard response to a crisis that has shaken the nation has been that Watergate is a personal, not a party, tragedy and that he does not have enough facts to make any judgments about the President. Even the state's Conservative-Republican Senator, James L. Buckley, has been more critical.

This week the Governor moved more overtly to defend the President when he drafted a resolution praising Nixon for his "outstanding accomplishments in international and domestic affairs." Rockefeller shepherded the resolution through the Republican Governors Conference in what he himself proudly referred to as "group dynamics."

THE ONLY MENTION of Watergate in the resolution was to "applaud the determination of the President to make full disclosure to the public concerning Watergate."

Why this stance for a man who, before Nixon's election, repeatedly made it plain that he was not a Nixon admirer and who, as late as 1968, opposed Nixon's nomination?

Rep. Ogden R. Reid of Westchester County, a Democratic gubernatorial hopeful and onetime Rockefeller friend, raised one possible reason — that the governor is not as indignant about Watergate and its aftermath as some other politicians are. Reid raised that possibility recently. And certainly the Governor showed no signs of indignation in a recent interview.

Instead, he argued that Watergate should be viewed "in the perspective of what the President has accomplished." He said that in any event, there was "very little governors can do about Watergate."

Reminded that he and other governors had often asserted their moral as well as political leadership in national affairs, Rockefeller responded, "We deplored Watergate — that's our moral position." He was referring to a Republican governors' resolution last Spring.

The governor, in typically blunt fashion, offered another reason for his stance on Watergate. Referring to the President, he said: "Is anybody kidded that he's going to listen?"

There hasn't been much opportunity for direct listening or talking between the President and the Governor in recent months, according to Rockefeller aides. They said that in contrast to the first five years of the Nixon presidency, when there was frequent, even late-night, telephone contact, there have been only a few direct contacts since the Watergate scandal erupted into a full-scale governmental crisis earlier this year.

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The governor, like most other politicians, now has to deal with Alexander M. Haig Jr. or Melvin R. Laird the President's chief domestic aides, or Secretary of State Kissinger, a longtime Rockefeller associate.

Finally, there is the reason advanced by many politicians and even conceded by Rockefeller aides — that the Governor, long considered a maverick by Republicans outside of New York State, is, as a prelude to a presidential bid in 1976, trying to demonstrate his party loyalty. He demonstrated it when he campaigned in New Jersey for Rep. Charles Sandman, a conservative Republican, although the state's Republican governor and Senator didn't.

"Sometimes you have to be 'one of the boys' to get to the top," said a Rockefeller aide.

In any event, the Governor and his aides say they are not concerned about any Watergate fallout on the governor if he seeks re-election next year.

"It's not going to help," the governor said. But, he added that he did not expect it to be a major issue in a gubernatorial campaign, unless there was local corruption that could be compared to Watergate.

It is also quite possible that Rockefeller won't be running next year and won't have to worry about any Watergate fallout until 1976.

Whatever his decision next year, it is clear that he has concluded that the best route to the White House isn't via Watergate.

Rocky Sees Watergate Turning Point

Nov 27 1973

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller said Monday Watergate may prove to be a significant turning point in American history.

"We must get back to the fundamental moral and ethical values on which this country grew to greatness," Rockefeller said. "The shock of Watergate can and must make all Americans realize that we must return to our basic belief in individual honesty and integrity."

Rockefeller praised certain accomplishments of the Nixon administration, but did not mention the President by name. He predicted the U.S. would scale new heights beginning in 1976, which marks the U.S. bicentennial.

Dr. B.J. Clayburth, North Dakota Republican national committeeman, introduced Rockefeller as an individual needed to buoy the spirits of the GOP. Clayburgh disclaimed any 1976 presidential ambitions for the four-term New York governor.

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CATEGORY I. - WELFARE

Rockefeller Criticizes Antipoverty Funding

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NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Tuesday that the federal method of financing local antipoverty projects was "a tremendous mistake" because it bypasses state governments.

The Republican governor criticized President Johnson and Congress for failing to continue funding of community action programs.

"Why does the President come out with these new programs and then the programs are not funded?" Rockefeller asked. "I don't think that is the right way to go about it."

Rockefeller voiced his complaint during a taping of a television show scheduled for broadcast by WNBC-TV on Sunday. He appeared with New Jersey Gov. Richard J. Hughes, a Democrat, who defended the President and the federal antipoverty program.

Rockefeller was scheduled to go to Washington Wednesday morning to testify before the House Public Works Committee on water pollution.

The New York governor said: "The federal antipoverty program, which bypasses the states and deals directly with local groups, I think, was a tremendous mistake on the part of Congress. There were 600 community action programs started and then what happened — less than 130 have been funded. Over 500 are frustrated and bitter and demanding money from the states. This puts us (the states) on the spot."

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Rocky Blasts Poverty Plan

By TOM POSTER AP

NEW YORK (AP) —Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller criticized President Johnson and Congress today for failing to continue funding antipoverty projects.

The Republican governor also said the federal system of dealing directly with local antipoverty community projects by "bypassing" the state government was a "tremendous mistake on the part of Congress."

"Why does the President come out with these new programs and then the programs are not funded?" Rockefeller asked. "I don't think that that is the right way to go about it."

Appearing with Gov. Richard Hughes of New Jersey on a television program taped today for broadcast on Sunday, Rockefeller said:

"The federal antipoverty program which bypasses the states and deals directly with local groups, I think, was a tremendous mistake on the part of Congress. There were 600 community action programs started and then what happened, less than 100 have been funded. Over 500 are frustrated and bitter and demanding money from the states.

"This puts us (the states) on the spot."

Hughes, a Democrat, disagreed with Rockefeller's premise that President Johnson should have withheld certain antipoverty programs until he could commit complete federal financing of the projects.

"In New Jersey the poverty program has worked well," he said. "I don't think the President or a governor has to have the final perfect solution before he starts a poverty program."

"There may be 13,000 in New Jersey, but we have 500,000 to 600,000 who need help in New York," Rockefeller said.

Asked if the lack of federal funding would result in possible race riots, Rockefeller said, "I don't say that. But this kind of disillusionment encourages a bitter reaction by the people."

Hughes argued that Rockefeller himself has often initiated programs before he has obtained the necessary funds.

"I didn't promise anything we didn't fulfil," Rockefeller retorted.

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New Welfare, School Aid Flatly Rejected by Rocky

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By VIC OSTROWIDZKI
Times-Union Staff Writer

Governor Rockefeller rejected flatly Friday pleas for more state aid for education and welfare this year and warned that unless the federal government helps out with a massive aid program the situation will not improve much next year.

Painting a gloomy financial picture for the state, Rockefeller branded as "absolutely false" charges by Democratic party leaders that there is a $1 billion cushion built into the present budget to help him win reelection next year.

"The cupboard is bare, as far as the state is concerned and the taxpayers have had it right up to here as far as new taxes are concerned," Rockefeller told a Capitol news conference as he returned to Albany for the first time since May 2, the day the Legislature adjourned.

Won't Eat Words Again

Rockefeller parried all the questions trying to commit him to a pledge that he would not seek a tax increase next year, saying that he had committed himself once and then had to eat his words when he sought new taxes the following year.

The governor described the state's financial picture as "difficult" and reported that the "only basic hope for continuing the rate of improving the benefits and education and welfare" would depend on the federal government "assuming a larger share of costs."

The governor flew into Albany with Daniel P. Moynihan, President Nixon's adviser on Urban Affairs, for discussions on the Nixon administration's proposals to change federal aid programs.

Rockefeller said the state taxpayers, who send $22 billion a year in taxes to Washington should receive more than the $2 billion they get if they are to meet the rising costs.

"I think we in this state must look to federal government for assistance to improve our programs," he added.

The conference covered a wide range of subjects, from politics to economics.

Surprised By Primary

Rockefeller said he was "surprised" by the outcome of the June primary election in New York City in which state Sen. John Marchi defeated incumbent John Lindsay.

He said he had endorsed the winner, as he endorsed all Republican candidates for election, including the mayoralty candi-

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date is Albany, but would not campaign for them.

He admitted that the Republican party "is split" but denied that he and Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson are at odds and that Wilson was in his dog house because of his advice on the New York City mayoralty campaign.

Rockefeller denied reports that U.S. Sen. Charles E. Goodell was also in his dog house and that he would not be given the Republican nomination next year.

He declined to say, however, whether he would support Goodell's nomination.

"The decision will be made by the Executive Committee of the Republican party. It is premature to say what will happen as the political situation is volatile and not crystalized now," he added.

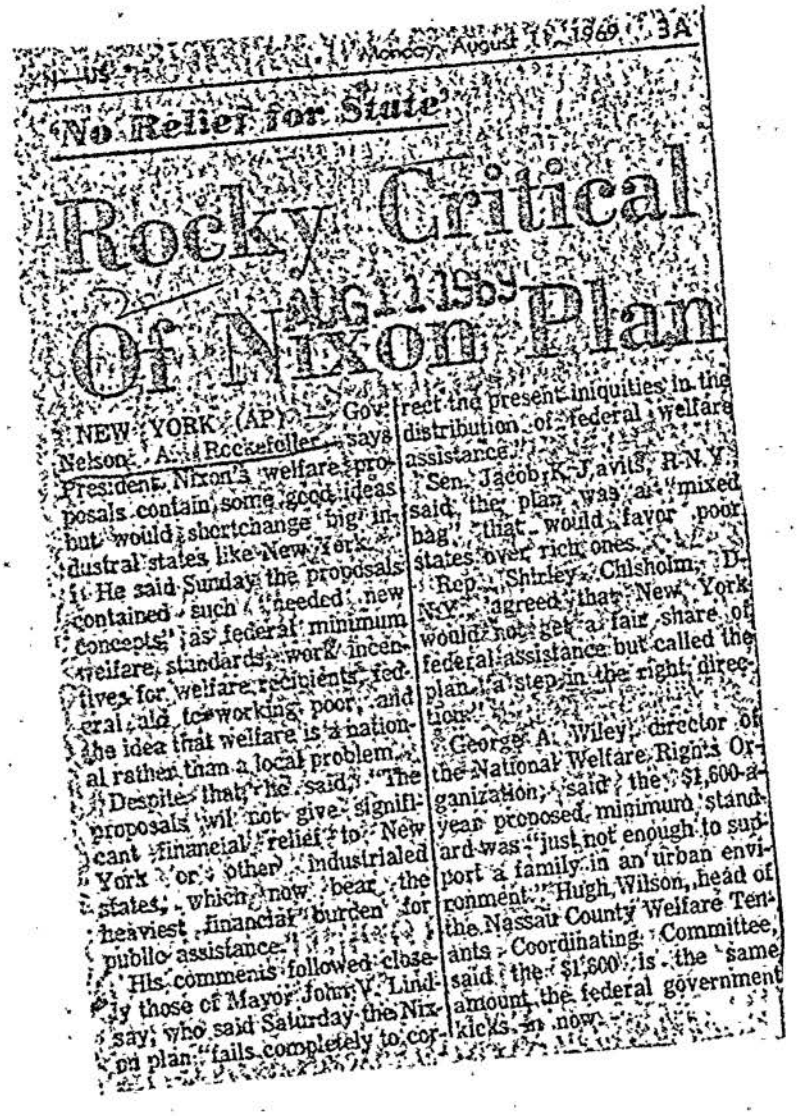
Rockefeller said he was reluctant to speculate about Sen. Edward Kennedy's future.

"I would not presume to add my voice to what has already been said about this tragedy, except that everybody feels deeply for him, the girl and the family. It's all very sad," he added.

The governor also said he would submit the report on his fact finding tour of Latin America for President Nixon to the President within a month. The report, he said, would recommend review of this nation's policy in regard to this country's neighbors to the south.

Rockefeller said he has found a successor to J. Burch McMorran, who retired last month as the head of the state Department of Transportation, and that he would announce his choice Monday.

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'No Relief for State'

Rocky Critical Of Nixon Plan

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NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller says President Nixon's welfare proposals contain some good ideas but would shortchange big industrial states like New York.

He said Sunday the proposals contained such "needed" new concepts as federal minimum welfare standards, work incentives for welfare recipients, federal aid to working poor, and the idea that welfare is a national rather than a local problem.

Despite that, he said, "the proposals will not give significant financial relief to New York or other industrialed states, which now bear the heaviest financial burden for public assistance."

His comments followed closely those of Mayor John V. Lindsay, who said Saturday the Nixon plan fails completely to correct the present iniquities in the distribution of federal welfare assistance.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., said the plan was a "mixed bag" that would favor poor states over rich ones.

Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., agreed that New York would not get a fair share of federal assistance but called the plan a step in the right direction.

George A. Wiley, director of the National Welfare Rights Organization, said the $1,600-a-year proposed minimum standard was "just not enough to support a family in an urban environment." Hugh Wilson, head of the Nassau County Welfare Tenants Coordinating Committee, said the $1,600 is the same amount the federal government kicks in now.

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Rocky Urges Nixon to Sign Health Bill

Governor Rockefeller Tuesday urged President Nixon to sign the $19.7 billion health and education appropriations bill which the President threatens to veto.

In a letter to Nixon, Rockefeller said that although local governments face a critical situation "the problem is most serious in the areas of health, education and welfare."

Rockefeller said that "state and local expenditures for programs in these areas have already soared and the demand for additional expenditures continues to increase."

Noting that the appropriations bill contains $4.3 billion for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, $1.2 billion more than Nixon had requested, Rockefeller said:

"I fully understand and share your concern that congressional actions substantially increasing federal expenditures might impede your efforts to curtail inflation.

"Human resources programs, especially for education, must be regarded, however, as of the highest priority for federal expenditures, as they have been in New York State."

"If it appears that total federal spending will have an inflationary impact," said Rockefeller, other lower priority areas should be looked to for adjustments to allow needed expenditures for education."

Rockefeller said that less of the increased funds have been devoted to the Federally Impacted Areas Program and more to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The governor warned that any further delay in providing HEW appropriations should be avoided "as schools throughout the nation have had to operate for six months without knowing the level of federal funding."

Nixon has threatened to veto the bill providing for funds for the Departments of Labor and HEW when it reaches his desk.

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Rocky: Decision Supports Federal Welfare Proposal

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Governor Rockefeller said Monday that the Supreme Court decision against the state's one-year welfare residency law "emphasizes once again the urgency of congressional action on a full federal takeover" of public assistance.

Rockefeller said the decision left unresolved the "major national problem posed by the fact that a needy family can be starved out of one state to become a disproportionate responsibility of the people of another state."

The governor asserted that the present welfare system is "not only unfair to the individual," but is "destroying the competitive economic position of socially responsible states by overburdening their taxpayers and thus threatening to drive out their job producing businesses and industries."

"That was why we passed the welfare residency law," said Rockefeller.

The governor noted that the court's decision emphasizes once again the need for the federal government to take over the responsibility of financing welfare and medicaid.

Once this is done, said Rockefeller, "there should be adequate national standards that will reflect regional differences in the cost of living."

"Welfare imposes one of the most crushing burdens on state and local governments, yet it has no business being there," added the governor. "It is clearly a national problem."

He added that "allocation of welfare to the federal level is necessary to avoid the fiscal bankruptcy of state and local governments and to end the social and moral bankruptcy of the present welfare system."

Albany County Social Services Commissioner Francis C. Schreck had little comment about the decision, except to say that this will mean providing for about an additional 200 cases annually.

The State Social Services Department had no comment since the law had already been declared unconstitutional.

When the Legislature approved the one-year welfare residency last year, many members said at that time that the law would not stand a constitutional test in the courts.

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Rocky Asks Expansion Of Day Care Facilities

Nelson Rockefeller

Roc[illegible]ler asked the legislature Saturday to expand the state's day care center construction program to aid working mothers.

"Day care is increasingly recognized as a valuable educational and social experience in the early childhood years," he said. "The provision of day care is also necessary to break the poverty cycle and to give mothers of young children an opportunity to enter the labor market or to enroll in training programs . . ."

The governor's program, among other things, would:

—Increase from $50 million to $100 million the mortgage loan authorization of the Housing Finance Agency for day care centers.

—Create a $2-million "seed-money" fund to assist community groups seeking to build or rehibilitate day care centers. The fund would meet intial development costs.

—Authorize the State Social Services Department to provide technical and advisory help to community groups and others to encourage sponsorship of the centers.

—Authorize the Youth Facilities Project Guarantee Fund to guarantee up to 90 per cent of the principal amount of a loan made by lending institutions for day care centers.

—Permit localities to pay day care centers for the costs of caring for welfare children.

The day care construction program was initiated by the 1969 legislature.

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Disclosure of Rockefeller's $5 Million Campaign Costs May Spark New Study

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Governor Nelson Rockefeller has filed his post-election report on the expenses of his successful campaign for re-election, and four points about it should be noted.

First, he spent an impressive sum of money—approximately $5 million. Some close professional observers believe the figure was actually closer to $6 million and Richard Nixon has estimated to friends that Rockefeller spent $14 million.

But even the $5 million total which the Governor reported is impressive by all precedents. It is more than the combined expenditures by Robert Kennedy and Kenneth Keating in their 1964 race for the Senate. It is almost half the $11 million which the Democrats spent to elect John F. Kennedy to the Presidency in 1960. It is ten times the amount spent by Rockefeller's opponent, Frank O'Connor.

The second important aspect of the report is the fact that $2,670,000 of the total spent by the Rockefeller committees was borrowed from four Manhattan banks. New York politicians have long observed an unwritten rule which inhibits them from raising any partisan issue over campaign debts after an election.

O'Connor made much during the campaign of Rockefeller's many friends at the Chase Manhattan Bank. (In fact, none of the money was borrowed from this family institution.) But if tradition holds, the Democrats will say no more about the Governor's bank debts and his methods of repayment will be unobserved, unreported, and unquestioned.

If Rockefeller were a hard-nosed politician, he would twist the arms of state contractors to pay back the banks. Since he is a Rockefeller and an idealist, he is likely to resort to more genteel devices, including his own checkbooks. But the public will probably never know the source of half the expenses of this extravagant campaign.

The third point is that Rockefeller's television outlay, some $1.7 million for time purchases and production costs, played a crucial role in reviving his political fortunes. Rockefeller polls in early July showed that his cause was virtually hopeless. The state was blanketed with brilliantly executed television spots during July, August, and September to rectify belatedly the Governor's failure to make the accomplishments of his administration known to the voters.

But the fourth point is that this race cannot be cited with justice as an instance in which a rich man bought an election. For all of his personal problems with the public, Rockefeller was an incomparably better campaigner than O'Connor and he supplied the electorate with a far more explicit blueprint of his intentions.

No Democrat is pressing to charge that Rockeller bought the election, despite his $500,000 campaign donation from his mother and the $9,000 which he spent on an orchestra, because almost no one really believes that O'Connor deserved to win the election.

The Rockefeller campaign therefore loses some validity as a spur to the cause of reforming the nation's method of financing politics. Undoubtedly the freest spender in the history of American elections, Rockefeller has shown that money is a tremendous asset to a politician but also that it is not a friendly genie capable of catering to his aspirations all the way to the White House.

But the exorbitant cost of the Rockefeller campaign should serve at least to accelerate the momentum of the search for answers to this moral malignancy in American politics. Impatience with the present law, described by President Johnson as "more [illegible] beginning to crack the glacial ice of [illegible]

The new law to finance presidential elections from tax money was a spontaneous expression of this impatience, although an imperfect answer to the problem. Some want to repeal the new law and others are anxious to extend its provisions to contests below the presidential level. The necessity to refine this law may bring the whole issue at last to a head.

Charles Bartlett

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Rocky Campaign Funds Probed

NEW YORK (UPI)—Governor Rockefeller's political campaign financing is being investigated, Manhattan Dist. Atty. Frank Hogan's office said Thursday.

The governor was reported to have spent a record $5 million in his successful campaign for a third term last year against his Democratic opponent, City Council president Frank O'Connor.

"Certain things were brought to our attention last week by State Sen. Manfred Ohrnstein and we are making a stdy of them," chief Assistant Dit. Aty. Alfred Scotti said.

"We want to find out i there is a basis for a grand jur presentation," he added.

Scotti declined to commnt on whether Rockefeller appeed to have violated the law by iling to declare how $2.5 rllion made in bank loans for his campaign, were repaid.

Ohrenstein, a reform Democrat from Manhattan, and Sen. Jack Bronson, Queens, charged recently the $2.5 million came from the Governor's Club and that the contributions were against "the spirit", if not the letter of the law.

Ohrenstein and Bronson insisted Rockefeller should also have reported such contributions as the use of private planes, contributions of printed brochures and other literature, along with cash contributions.

The Bronston-Ohrenstein "information" was gathered from a massive campgin expense report made shortly after Election failed to explain why 14 individuals received $19,000 for "Election Day expenses" from the New York City Committee for the Election of Rockefeller, Wilson and Lefkowitz.

The Democrats also alleged that the Governor's Club was listed as the source of a $195,000 contribution but that the club did not report making such a contribution in its statement filed with Lomenzo's office.

Hogan's office made a similar investigation into the campaign spending of the Democratic mayoral candidate Abraham D. Beame. and recommended changes in the election law concerning financing.

Bronston played a key role in the Beame campaign and last fall was the major author of "position papers" for the O'Connor race.

Lomenzo's office said later hat Rockefeller's campaign expense report was filed in the Secretary of State's Albany office but that the election law does not require the secretary of state to check the financing or spending.

Reform of the election law has been demanded by almost every loser of major elections in the state. The Legislature, however, has never approved any major revisions.

Bronston has been a major critic of campaign financing and spending and recently demanded that the Presidents Club--made up of individuals who contribute generaously to the Democratic party-- be disbanded.

He said the Presidents Club, whose members pay a minimum of $1,000 to join, drains money away from local and state campaigns and cited the O'Connor race as a prime example.

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Rockefeller Campaign Cost Reported $4 Million

...ROCKEFELLER
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The governor's brothers contributed also: David, $309,000; [illegible] John, [illegible] R. [illegible]feller, committee chairman, $70.

Some $4,400,000 came from the Friends of the Rockefeller Team, one of the seven committees established for the reelection campaign of the governor. The major contributions from the Rockefeller family came from this committee, although there were a few lesser donations from other committees.

The Governor's Club, another of the Rockefeller committees, listed many contributors with amounts totaling $307,114. This included a number of $500 donations from state commissioners and ranking members of the Rockefeller administration.

The State Republican Committee filed initial expenses totaling $[illegible],817, of which $600,000 went directly to the Rockefeller campaign effort.

Under the state election law, a preliminary report on campaign expenses must be filed with the secretary of state's office 10 days before the election. A final report must be filed 20 days after the election.

Preliminary reports show that six committees have contributed $[illegible],000 to elect the incumbent Republican Sen. Charles Goodell.

Rep. Richard Ottinger, the Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, filed a report showing expenses of $727,934.

In his successful effort to win the Democratic primaries, Ottinger spent $1.8 million, with most coming from his mother, Mrs. Louis Ottinger, in the form of loans.

Conservative Party candidate James L. Buckley has spent about $1.1 million so far, according to preliminary reports. When he ran two years ago, Buckley committees spent about $200,000.

An expense statement of Arthur Goldberg, the Democratic-Liberal choice for governor is yet to be filed. Goldberg supporters spent about $150,000 to win the primary over upstate businessman Howard Samuels.

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Rocky's 4th Bid Cost $6.8 Million

By JOE PICCHI
Capitol Correspondent

Nelson Rockefeller's successful bid for a fourth term as governor cost nearly $7 million, expense reports filed with the secretary of state's office revealed Tuesday.

On the basis of the expense account, the governor spent more than $2 for each of the three million votes he received on Nov. 3 to defeat Democrat Arthur Goldberg.

Rockefeller had indicated earlier that he would spend at least $6 million to win reelection. Four years ago, the governor's campaign cost slightly more than $5 million.

Of the total $6,794,627 cost of the 1970 campaign, Rockefeller's stepmother, brothers and sister contributed $4.1 million. The governor added more than $300,000 of his personal funds.

Although the final expense reports are still arriving in the mail, they show that Conservative James L. Buckley spent $1.4 million in his victory over Republican Charles Goodell in the U.S. Senate race.

Reports from Rep. Richard Ottinger, the Democrat candidate in the Senate race, are yet to be processed. They arrived in three large cartons.

Goodell's filings are incomplete, and the secretary of state is yet to receive any of the major committee reports from Goldberg.

Under the Election Law, the final expense reports must be filed 20 days after the election. This would mean Nov. 23, which was last Monday, but the mail can be postmarked by midnight of that date. Therefore it may be another day or two before the reports finally get to the secretary of state's office.

Rockefeller's reports showed that he spent $536,000 at the time of the June primaries, $4.8 million by his preliminary reports 10 days before elections, and another $1.4 million in the final accounting.

The governor's stepmother, Mrs. Martha Rockefeller, spent an estimated $2.7 million on the campaign. Ottinger's mother, Liuise, contributed $1.8 million to her son's primary campaign election to be contested.

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ROCKEFELLER VICTORY

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Importance of Strong Campaign Funding Emphasized

By JOE PICCHI,
Capitol Correspondent

The power of the almighty dollar never seemed more evident than in the recently concluded 1970 statewide political campaigns.

Although all the campaign expense reports have not been filed with the secretary of state's office, it appears that Governor Rockefeller outspent nearly all of the other major candidates combined.

Rockefeller's family is among the wealthiest in the world, and there was little hesitation to contribute lavishly in an effort to keep one of their own in a seat of influence among the nation's governors.

THE REPUBLICAN governor reported expenses of $6.8 million, although Democrats maintain that the rule of thumb is to multiply this total by three to come up with what Rockefeller really spent.

Of this amount, Rockefeller contributed $501,000 of his own personal funds. His stepmother, Mrs. Martha Rockefeller, contributed an additional $2.7 million to help him along the campaign trail.

Not to be outdone in maternal generosity, Mrs. Louise Ottinger, mother of Rep. Richard Ottinger, contributed $1.8 million to his unsuccessful campaign and all of their expense accountings are not on file yet.

ROCKEFELLER OUTSPENT his Democratic opponent, Arthur Goldberg, by more than 4 to 1. Some will claim, however, that all the money in the world would do little to salvage the rather inept Goldberg campaign.

Goldberg was so upset over the spending inequality that at one point he called a press conference to denounce Rockefeller's multi-million dollar television commercials as "misleading."

The constant pounding into the homes about "Rockefeller: he's done a lot, he'll do more," got the desired results at the polls. The governor won by more than 700,000 votes.

EXORBITANT SPENDING in this day and age because of the apparent need for television exposure has proven that men of limited financial means or lacking in well-heeled friends has little chance of obtaining high public office.

What chance would a Sam Stratton have, if he did decide to run for governor some day, when the cost of the campaign could run as high as the $1.8 million expended by Goldberg or higher.

Stratton lives on his $42,500 a year salary as a congressman, which is not a large sum when considering the responsibilities he has. Only if he can convince enough wealthy supporters that he can win would someone like Stratton have enough money to wage a statewide campaign.

AN EXAMPLE IS Senator-elect James L. Buckley, who was able to attract at least $1.9 million in contributions to run a successful campaign when his chances of emerging victorious appeared bright.

Two years ago, when Buckley ran against Senator Jacob Javits, and his chances of winning were practically nil, he spent slightly more than $100,000.

Efforts are now under way to place some type of restraints on campaign spending. An attempt by Congress to limit campaigns to seven cents a voter was vetoed by President Nixon. Seven cents is little price to pay when considering that Rockefeller

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spent better than $2 for each of the three million votes he received on Nov. 3.

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER Perry B. Duryea recently indicated that action may be taken in the 1971 Legislature to place a limit on campaign spending and to shorten the length of campaigns. People get sick and tired of hearing the same old political rhetoric.

Rockefelier, who probably has run his last race, feels that it is the federal government which should take the initiative in curtailing the cost of campaigning. He expressed surprise when someone mentioned to him that his attorney general, Louis J. Lefkowitz, was seeking legislation in this area.

"Louie is planning to do that?" Rockefeller questioned with a raised eyebrow.

Or, maybe, the way campaigns are conducted in Great Britain should be adopted. They are shorter, cheaper, and in some respects fairer than the ones in th United States.

When formal campaigns begin, rigid limits are imposed on spending. In some urban areas, a candidate can only spend a certain minimal amount of money, plus about one and a half cents per voter.

Under the British system, courts can impose fines if a candidate overspends. Even more unusual, if an over-spender wins, his election may be nullified.

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CONTACT AUGUST 23, 1974, WITH OLIN CORP. STAMFORD, CT. REFLECTS JOHN M. OLIN WORKS THAT CORP, NYC. CONTACT WITH OLIN CORP, NYC, THIS DATE DISCLOSED OLIN SPENDING SUMMER AT HIS SUMMER HOME LILLY POND LANE, E. HAMPTON, L.I. TELEPHONE 516-324-0429. SECRETARY, OLIN CORP. TELEPHONICALLY ADVISES OLIN HE BEING CONTACT BY FBI AND SUGGESTED NYC OFFICE CALL OLIN.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) ~~(P)~~ (2P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI. BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN BADILLO (NEW YORK), INTERVIEWED AUGUST 22, 1974, AND CITED NOMINEE'S EXTREMELY POOR JUDGMENT IN HANDLING OF ATTICA PRISON REVOLT. BADILLO HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO SERVE ON NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE AT ATTICA WITH OTHERS WHO INCLUDED THOMAS WICKER, "NEW YORK TIMES", [redacted] "NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS", AND NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATORS ARTHUR EVE AND TOM DUNNE. BADILLO HAD RECOMMENDED AT TIME OF REVOLT THAT NOMINEE APPEAR AND INTERCEDE. BECAUSE OF ROCKEFELLER'S TOTAL DISREGARD OF RECOMMENDATION AND POOR JUDGMENT IN MATTER, BADILLO AND NOMINEE HAVE HAD STRONG DIFFERENCES SINCE.

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BADILLO'S OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING NOMINEE WERE FAVORABLE AS REGARDS TO HIS CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, LOYALTY, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES.

BADILLO SUGGESTS ABOVE MEMBERS OF NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE BE CONTACTED FOR COMMENTS REGARDING ROCKEFELLER, PARTICULARLY RELATED TO THE ATTICA INCIDENT.

ALBANY INTERVIEW EVE AND DUNNE.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW WICKER AND [redacted]

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ADDITIONALLY, ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE OGDEN R. REID (NEW YORK) INDICATED REID AVAILALBE THROUGH NEW YORK OFFICE AT 371 MAMARONECK AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, PHONE [redacted]

NEW YORK INTERVIEW REID AS MEMBER OF NEW YORK CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

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FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) ~~(P)~~

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH

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OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 2679, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE AS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT SIX COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS NOMINEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

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FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ANY ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICES.

J. RICHARDSON DILWORTH, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL HEAD OF ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS ASSOCIATES (UNOFFICIAL TITLE), 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, MADE AVAILABLE, ON AUGUST 22, 1974, THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BUSINESS LEADERS (CAPTION AS SUCH) WITH WHOM NOMINEE SHOULD BE WELL ACQUAINTED:

HENRY FORD II, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, DETROIT, MICHIGAN; JUSTIN W. DART, 8480 BEVERLY BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; ROBERT OELMAN, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY, DAYTON, OHIO; THOMAS B. MC CABE, CHAIRMAN, FINANCE COMMITTEE, SCOTT PAPER COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, PA.; DAVID PACKARD, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, 1501 PAGE MILL ROAD, PALO ALTO, CALIF.; ARTHUR A. HOUGHTON, JR., WYLE PLANTATION, QUEENSTOWN, MD.; HOWARD J. MORGENS, PROCTOR AND GAMBLE, CINCINNATI, OHIO; HONORABLE WILLIAM MC CHESNEY MARTIN, 800 17TH ST., NW, ROOM 401, FLEMING BLGD., WASHINGTON, D. C.; J. IRWIN MILLER, 301 WASHINGTON ST., COLUMBUS, INDIANA;

JOHN E. SWEARINGEN, CHAIRMAN, STANDARD OIL COMPANY (INDIANA), 200 EAST RANDOLPH DRIVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; SAMUEL C. JOHNSON, S.C. JOHNSON AND SON, INC., 1525 HOWE ST., RACINE, WISCONSIN; ROBERT B. PAMPLIN, GEORGIA PACIFIC CORP., PORTLAND, OREGON; AMORY HOUGHTON, JR., CORNING GLASS WORKS, CORNING , NEW YORK; HENRY P. POINDEXTER, DEAN WITTER AND COMPANY, 10 MAIN CENTER, KANSAS CITY, MO.; SOL M. LINOWITZ, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL URBAN COALITION, 1 FARRAGUT SQUARE SOUTH, WASHINGTON , DC; ROBERT D. STUART, JR., QUAKER OATS COMPANY, 345 MERCHANDISE MART, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; SAM E. WYLY, WYLY CORP., DALLAS, TEXAS; JOHN S. PILLSBURY, JR., NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY., 20 WASHINGTON AVE. SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA; WILLIAM L. PFEIFFER, ALBANY SAVINGS BANK, 20 PEARL ST., ALBANY. NEW YORK; SEYMOUR H. KNOX, MARINE MIDLAND TRUST COMPANY BUILDING, BUFFALO, NEW YORK; RALPH J. LAZARUS, FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., 222 WEST SEVENTH ST., CINCINNATI, OHIO; AUGUST A. BUSCH, ANHEUSER-BUSCH, INC., ST. LOUIS , MO.;

STANLEY MARCUS, NEIMAN MARCUS COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS; HARDING L. LAWRENCE, CHAIRMAN, BRANIFF AIRWAYS, INC., DALLAS , TEXAS; CHARLES H. SOMMER, CHAIRMAN, MONSANTO CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.; H.J. HEINZ, II, CHAIRMAN, H.J. HEINZ CO., PITTSBURGH, PA., R. CROSBY KEMPER, CHAIRMAN, UNITED MISSOURI BANK OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY, MO.; RICHARD B. SELLARS, JOHNSON AND JOHNSON, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY; JOHN M. OLIN, OLIN CORP., STAMFORD, CONN.; RALPH B. ROGERS, CHAIRMAN, TEXAS INDUSTRIES, INC., DALLAS, TEXAS, JAMES P. MC FARLAND, CHAIRMAN, GENERAL MILLS, INC., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA; CHARLES H. BELL, CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GENERAL MILLS, INC., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA; HENRY L. HILLMAN, HILLMAN COMPANY, GRANT BUILDING, PITTSBURGH, PA.; WALTER A. HAAS, SR., LEVI STRAUSS AND COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.; ROBERT PURCELL, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK; JOHN ROBERTS, EMPIRE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CORRECTINS CONTACT NEW YORK OFFICE

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) ~~(P)~~ (3P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974,
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL RECEIVING OFFICES, DURING INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, (DEMOCRAT), NEW YORK, REPRESENTATIVE HOLTZMAN ADVISED THAT SHE HAS HEARD A RUMOR THAT THE NOMINEE DURING HIS TERM AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, HAD ARRANGED LOANS FOR VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS THROUGH CHASE MANHATTAN BANK AND PERSONALLY GUARANTEED THESE LOANS. MANY LOANS WERE NOT PAID AFTER THE CAMPAIGNS. THE NOMINEE PERSONALLY PAID THESE LOANS AND TOOK A BUSINESS DEDUCTION ON HIS INCOME TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF THESE LOANS. REPRESENTATIVE HOLTZMAN HAD NO IDEA OF THE VALIDITY OF THIS RUMOR NOR

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IF SUCH DEDUCTIONS WERE ILLEGAL. SHE PASSED THE INFORMATION ON TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FOR ANY INVESTIGATIVE VALUE.

[redacted] SECRETARY IN OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH PATRICK ADDABBO, DEMOCRAT, NEW YORK, ADVISED ADDABBO LEFT FOR NEW YORK THE MORNING OF AUGUST 22, 1974. HIS OFFICE IS 96-11 101ST AVENUE, OZONE PARK, NEW YORK, PHONE 845-3131, AND HOME IS 132-43 86TH STREET, OZONE PARK, PHONE 835-0444.

[redacted] STATED HE WOULD BE LEAVING NEW YORK ON VACATION SOMETIME ON AUGUST 23, 1974.

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EMPLOYEES IN OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI, DEMOCRAT, NEW YORK, ADVISED BIAGGI CAN BE CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE AT 2004 WILLIAMS BRIDGE ROAD, BRONX, NEW YORK, PHONE 931-0100.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN BERTRAM L. PODELL (DEMOCRAT), NEW YORK, ADVISED HE CAN PRESENTLY BE CONTACTED AT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 1628 KINGS HIGHWAY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE 336-7575, HOME PHONE 282-1340, CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS TELEPHONE 372-7500.

THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN HUGH L. COREY (DEMOCRAT), NEW YORK, ADVISED HE MAY BE CONTACTED AT CAMPAIGN HEADQUAR-

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LEADS. NEW YORK. INTERVIEW THE ABOVE NAMED CONGRESSMAN.

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ON AUGUST 23, 1974, ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES F. HURLEY, RUPUBLICAN, 129TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, RESIDING AT [redacted] NY, INTERVIEWED RE CAPTIONED. DURING INTERVIEW HURLEY ADVISED THAT DURING FEBRUARY OR MARCH, 1974, HE AND SEVERAL OTHER ASSEMBLYMEN HAD A MEETING WITH PERRY B. DURYEA, REPUBLICAN, SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK STATE, CONCERNING SOME LOCAL LEGISLATION. HURLEY STATED THAT DURING THE MEETING ROCKEFELLER'S NAME WAS MENTIONED AND THE INCIDENT WHEREIN DURYEA WAS INDICTED BY A GRAND JURY IN MANHATTAN WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY DURYEA. HURLEY STATED DURING THIS CONVERSATION DURYEA STATED THAT HE HAD PROOF THAT THEN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL LEFKOWITZ ENGINEERED AND DIRECTED THE INDICTMENT OF DURYEA THROUGH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MANHATTAN. HURLEY STATED THAT DURYEA DID NOT EXPLIAN OR STATE WHAT HIS PROOF CONSISTED OF, HOWEVER, THE REASON FOR THE ACTION BY ROCKEFELLER WAS BECAUSE

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THEY WANTED DURYEA'S POLITICAL REPUTATION TO BE DAMAGED IN ORDER TO PREVENT HIM EVER BECOMING GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE.

HURLEY COULD NOT RECALL THE IDENTITY OF OTHERS PRESENT DURING THE ABOVE MEETING BUT BELIEVED ASSEMBLYMAN JANES L. EMERY, REPUBLICAN FROM GENESEO, NEW YORK, WAS PRESENT.

ON AUGUST 23, 1974, ASSEMBLYMAN EMERY WAS INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE DOES NOT RECALL BEING PRESENT DURING ANY MEETING WHEREIN DURYEA FURNISHED THE ABOUVE INFORMATION REGARDING ROCKEFELLER.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK. IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE, ASSEMBLYMAN PERRY B. DURYEA SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)

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FROM: BUFFALO (161-394) ~~(P)~~

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 23, 1974 AND BUFFALO TELCALL TO MIAMI AUGUST 23, 1974.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF MIAMI, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

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[redacted] NEW YORK, SELF-STYLED CRUSADER FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, HAS ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER NOMINEE TOOK OFFICE AS GOVERNOR IN 1959, THE CONSOLIDATED EIDSON COMPANY OF NEW YORK CITY RAISED RATES SIGNIFICANTLY AND THAT, AS A RESULT, NOMINEE BENEFITED HIMSELF FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF LARGE HOLDING IN THIS POWER COMPANY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT THE TIME, JAMES J. LUNDY, IS NOW DECEASED. ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AT THAT TIME WAS [redacted] BUFFALO,

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NEW YORK. ..EFFORTS TO LOCATE AT ABOVE ADDRESS NEGATIVE.

NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY ADVISED ALL CALLS FORMALLY RECEIVED AT [redacted] RESIDENCE, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] ARE PRESENTLY BEING RECEIVED AT ATLANTIS, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

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MIAMI AT ATLANTIS, FLORIDA. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] REGARDING ABOVE ALLEGATION AND OBTAIN RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NOMINEE.

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ALBANY (161-965)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 1P P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

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HERBERT A. POSNER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, 22ND A.D. NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED DURING INTERVIEW THAT FORMER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER BOUGHT A FAVORABLE VOTE FROM FORMER DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES STOCKMEISTER OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF INCREASING THE NEW YORK STATE SALES TAX WHEN AFOREMENTIONED BILL WAS IN NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE BY APPOINTING STOCKMEISTER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. POSNER STATED STOCKMEISTER IS CURRENTLY CARE OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ALBANY OFFICE INTERVIEW STOCKMEISTER RE ABOVE.

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Mr. Coleman
Room 4260

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

IN 1969, JOHN S. DICKEY, PRESIDENT EMERITUS, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE FURNISHED COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS PERTAINING TO MR. ROCKEFELLER ON PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT. DICKEY CURRENTLY RESIDING SWANTON, VERMONT, AT HIS SUMMER RESIDENCE.

IT IS REQUESTED ALBANY INTERVIEW DICKEY AND SEEK HIS COMMENTS PERTAINING TO ROCKEFELLER'S APPOINTMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR

ALBANY (161-965)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 1P P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

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ON AUGUST 23, 1974, ATTEMPT TO REACH GENERAL NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEING, ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR NEW YORK STATE, 1943-1955, AT HIS NYC OFFICE, PRODUCED INFORMATION THAT GENERAL GOLDSTEIN IS IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1974.

Mr. Coleman
Room 1246

ON SAME DATE, GENERAL GOLDSTEIN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NYO AND ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND WILL BE HAPPY TO PERSONALLY SPEAK TO A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI. HE CAN BE CONTACTED ANY AM (10-12) AT ROOM 331 OF GIDEON-PUTNAM HOTEL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK.

ALBANY AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK WILL INTERVIEW FORMER NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN.

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INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: BUFFALO (161-394) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED:

AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 23, 1974.

AT 10:30 PM INSTANT, NEW YORK ASSEMBLYMAN RONALD H. TILLS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE IS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT THE HOLIDAY INN ROOM 319, 2754 LINCOLN WAY, ROUTE 33, MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER 219-259-9911.

TILLS ADVISED THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 10:00 AM AUGUST 24, 1974. TILLS SUGGESTED HE BE TELEPHONED BY 9:00 AM, AUGUST 24, 1974 TO CONFIRM INTERVIEW.

INDIANAPOLIS AT SOUTH BEND. INTERVIEW ASSEMBLYMAN TILLS RE CAPTION MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ALBANY (161-965)

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ARTHUR O. EVE, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, DEMOCRACT, ADVISED AUG. 23, 1974 THAT HE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND NOMINEE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY OF THE U.S. BECAUSE OF THE INSENSITIVITY AND LACK OF LEADERSHIP SHOWN IN THE LAST THREE YRS. OF HIS ADMINISTRATION AS NYS GOVERNOR IN DEALING WITH AND RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE.

EVE STATED HE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF THEN NYS GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IN 1972 AS A RESULT OF HIS BEHAVIOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRISONER REBELLION AT THE NYS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN ATTICA, N.Y. IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. EVE STATED THIS RESOLUTION SUCCINCTLY OUTLINED HIS OBJECTIONS TO THE NOMINEE. HE ADDED THAT THE NOMINEE'S FAILURE TO GO TO THE AREA OF THE REBELLION TO GET FIRST HAND INFO AND TO MAKE REASONABLE DECISIONS THEREON REFLECTED ON HIS LEADERSHIP

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EVE STATED THAT IN 1970 OR 1971, THE NYS LEGISLATURE PASSED A BILL REQUIRING A TERM OF RESIDENCE IN NYS BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. EVE FELT THIS BILL, PARTICULARLY THE FIRST DRAFT, WAS HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST BLACKS AND PUERTO RICANS. DURING A CONFERENCE WITH THE BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS, THE NOMINEE STATED HE FELT THE COURT WOULD THROW IT OUT, BUT HE WAS GOING TO SUPPORT IT ANYWAY. EVE FELT THE BILL WAS BEING USED AS AN ELEMENT TO POLARIZE THE STATE AND TO MAKE PEOPLE LOOK ON BLACKS AND PUERTO RICANS AS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE STATE'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. EVE FELT THE NOMINEE'S SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL REFLECTED ON HIS INTEGRITY SINCE HE APPARENTLY KNEW THE BILL WAS UNCONSTITUTUIONAL BUT WAS GOING TO SUPPORT IT ANYWAY. IN VIEW OF THE WAY THE BILL WAS WRITTEN, HE FELT THE NOMINTEE'S SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL WAS AN INDICATION OF DISCRIMINATION.

EVE STATED HE KNEW OF NO UNETHICAL PRACTICES BY THE NOMINEE, BUT WOULD DEFINITELY NOT RECOMMEND HIM IN VIEW OF

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THE FOREGOING.

COPIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLTUION AND RESIDENCY BILL HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO BUFFALO REPORT.

ALBANY AND NEW YORK ADVISED FOR INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR

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FROM: NEW HAVEN (161-1751)(P) 2 PAGES

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED: AUG.28,1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RENY URGENT TEL, AUG.22,1974, NO COPY TO BOSTON, REQUESTING NEW HAVEN OFFICE TO INTERVIEW JUDGE WILLIAM H. TIMBERS USCA, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

FOR INFORMATION BOSTON, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 2679, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

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JUDGE WILLIAM H. TIMBERS, US COURT OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT, CURRENTLY VACATIONING AT HIS SUMMNER HOME CARE OF [redacted] b6 b7C SURRY, MAINE 04684. NO TELEPHONE SERVICE. HOWEVER, TIMBERS CAN BE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CARE OF [redacted] OR CARE OF [redacted] BOTH ARE NEIGHBORS IN SURRY. TIMBERS NOT DUE TO RETURN TO HIS HOME IN FAIRFIELD, CT., UNTIL SEPT. 4, 1974.

BOSTON AT SURRY, MAINE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JUDGE TIMBERS CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER.

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FROM NEW YORK 161-2961

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974.

REFERENCE BUTEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

BOSTON AND PITTSBURGH CONTACT BUSINESS LEADERS GENERAL LUCIUS CLAY, CARE OF SQUARE TOP, SEA PINE ROAD, CHATHAM, MASS., TELEPHONE SIX ONE SEVEN - NINE FOUR FIVE - TWO FOUR FOUR SEVEN, AND EDGAR B. SPEER, CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, SIX ZERO ZERO GRANT STREET, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, REGARDING NOMINEE.

NEW HAVEN CONTACT PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE [redacted] 161-6197-183 b6 b7C
[redacted] LAST KNOWN RESIDING [redacted], STAMFORD, CONN.,
TELEPHONE [redacted]
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ALBANY CONTACT ROCKEFELLER'S FORMER ASSISTANT COUNSEL

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STATE CAPITAL BUILDING, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

BOSTON ALSO CONTACT BUSINESS LEADER THOMAS J. WATSON, JR., IBM, ARMONK, NEW YORK, WHO CBR CARE OF NORTH HAVEN MAINE, TELEPHONE TWO ZERO SEVEN - EIGHT SIX SEVEN- FOUR FOUR SEVEN ONE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-~~1697~~)

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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

ROBERT PURCELL, YOUR TELETYPE, IDENTIFIED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, CAN BE REACHED AT ROOM 5400, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE #212-247-3700.

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1373) (P)

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ON AUGUST 22, 1974, ROCKEFELLER STATED THOMAS B. MC CABE, CHAIRMAN, FINANCES COMMITTEE, SCOTT PAPER COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, PA., IS LONG TIME ASSOCIATE. ON SAME DATE, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] SECRETARY TO MR. MC CABE, ADVISED MC CABE CURRENTLY ON VACATION AND MAY BE INTERVIEWED AT PYNE COTTAGE, NORTHEAST HARBOR, MAINE, PHONE NUMBER 207-276-3282.

BOSTON AT NORTHEAST HARBOR, MAINE: INTERVIEW MC CABE AND SUBMIT REPORT TO BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM BUFFALO (161-394) ~~(P)~~ 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

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FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, "BUFFALO EVENING NEWS MAGAZINE," DATED JULY 11, 1959, INCLUDED ARTICLE RE PROPERTY OWNED BY ROCKEFELLER NEAR VALENCIA, VENEZUELA. ARTICLE STATED ROCKEFELLER'S VENEZUELA PROPERTY INCLUDED FOUR FARMS TOTALING OVER 190,000 ACRES, MANAGED BY [redacted] OF VALENCIA, VENEZUELA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)
SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

INVESTIGATION NEW YORK OFFICE REFLECTS THAT [redacted] WASHINGTON, D.C., IS REPORTEDLY [redacted] VERY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE NOMINEE AND "SAVVY".

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE OBTAIN [redacted] COMMENTS UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 161-6197

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FROM: BOSTON 161-2182 P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO BOSTON AND BOSTON TELEPHONE CALL TO ALEXANDRIA, AUGUST 23, 1974.

DURING 1952 INVESTIGATION JOHN C. MCCLINTOCK, ASSISTANT VICE-PRESIDENT, UNITED FRUIT COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS. WAS INTERVIEWED REGARDING NOMINEE. BUREAU REQUESTED HE BE RECONTACTED.

PERSONNEL OFFICE UNITED BRAND COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED MCCLINTOCK RETIRED AND PENSION CHECK MAILED TO 218 S. ROYAL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

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DURING 1952, MCCLINTOCK ADVISED HE WAS ASSISTANT TO NOMINEE WHEN LATTER WAS IN CHARGE OF OFFICE OF COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT WHEN NOMINEE

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BECAME ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

HE SPOKE VERY FAVORABLY REGARDING NOMINEE.

MCCLINTOCK RELATED THAT DURING NOVEMBER 1944 HE AND NOMINEE MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CIUDAD, TRUJILLO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHERE ELLIS BRIGGS WAS U.S. AMBASSADOR. HE RELATED THAT BRIGGS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO NOMINEE BY OPENLY AND PUBLICLY SNUBBING HIM, ADDING THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR BY BRIGGS WAS ENTIRELY UNCALLED FOR AND NOT BECOMING TO AN AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK BY FACSIMILE AUGUST 22, 1974, NO COPY TO BUREAU, ADVISED INVESTIGATION BY NEW YORK DETERMINED NOMINEE WAS "CRUEL" AND "RUTHLESS" IN HIS TREATMENT OF ELLIS BRIGGS, ELLIS O. BRIGGS, AMBASSADOR TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN EARLY 1940'S. BRIGGS ALLEGEDLY SLIGHTED NOMINEE WHEN HE VISITED DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AS COORDINATOR FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. SUBSEQUENTLY AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 1944, WHEN NOMINEE WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, THE ONLY RESIGNATION ACCEPTED FROM ALL RESIGNATIONS CUSTOMARILY FURNISHED BY AMBASSADORS WAS THAT OF BRIGGS. THIS ACCEPTANCE OF HIS RESIGNATION POTENTIALLY RUINED BRIGGS FOREIGN CAREER BUT HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT

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Not entirely agreed to this extent — Rec'd NY advised 8/23/74 WB

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BACK INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AFTER DEPARTURE OF NOMINEE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT.

ALEXANDRIA INTERVIEW MCCINTOCK.

BOSTON WILL INTERVIEW BRIGGS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPE, BUDED AUGUST 25, 1974

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RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

WFO INTERVIEW [redacted] FEDERAL b6 b7C
DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP., WASHINGTON, D.C. [redacted] SERVED IN
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR'S COUNSEL FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS
AND THEN AS SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKING FOR FOUR YEARS ENDING
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: NSC, OBJ TOE (161-6197) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, VP, DUED AUGUST 28, 1974

WITHOUT PAIL

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL, AUGUST 23, 1974.

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AND BELIEVED TO BE AT PERMANENT ADDRESS [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197) (MAIL) AND
SACS, ALEXANDRIA, ✓ LOS ANGELES, ✓
BOSTON (161-2182), ✓ NEWARK, ✓
CHICAGO, ✓ NEW YORK ✓ (161-2961),
HONOLULU 8 (VIA WASH), ✓ SAN FRANCISCO, ✓
HOUSTON, ✓

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (4P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST [illegible]
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BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER [illegible] GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

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OF ROCKEFELLER UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO EXISTS, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE AS IS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT SIX COPIES TO THE BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS THE NOMINEE, NOT APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE. REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

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FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ANY ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICES.

NOMINEE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTS FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB) SINCE MARCH, 1969. THE FOLLOWING IS A CURRENT LIST OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PFIAB WHO SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE NOMINEE:

DR. WILLIAM O. BAKER, PRESIDENT, BELL TELEPHONE LABORATORIES, INC., 600 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY; MR. LEO CHERNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, INC., 589 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; GOVERNOR JOHN B. CONNALLY, VINSON, ELKINS, SEARLS, CONNALLY AND SMITH, FIRST CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, HOUSTON, TEXAS; DR. JOHN S. FOSTER, JR., VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, TRW INCORPORATED, 1 SPACE PARK, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA; MR. ROBERT W. GALVIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MOTOROLA INC., O'HARE PLAZA, 5725 EAST RIVER ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; DR. EDWIN H. LAND, PRESIDENT, POLAROID CORPORATION, 730 MAIN STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS; MRS. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, 4559 KAHALA AVENUE, HONOLULU, HAWAII; DR. EDWARD TELLER, LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BOX 808, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA, (TELEPHONE NUMBER 415-447-1100 EXTENSION 3444); DR. GEORGE P. SHULTZ, THE BECHTEL CORPORATION, 50 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PFIAB WHO SERVED WITH THE NOMINEE ARE: MR. FRANKLIN B. LINCOLN, JR., MUDGE, ROSE, GUTHERIE AND ALEXANDER, 20 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK CITY; MR. ROBERT D. MURPHY, HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, CORNING GLASS INTERNATIONAL, 717 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; MR. FRANK PACE, JR., PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICES CORP., 545 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY; DR. FRANKLIN D. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, TIMES MIRROR COMPANY, TIMES MIRROR SQUARE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

IT IS NOTED THAT IN INVESTIGATION REGARDING NOMINEE WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE IN 1969 MR. [redacted] WHO SERVED WITH THE NOMINEE AT THE OFFICE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND HAS KNOWN ROCKEFELLER SINCE 1940, WAS INTERVIEWED. [redacted] CURRENTLY RESIDES AT [redacted] ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, AND HE SHOULD BE RECONTACTED AT THIS TIME. ALL OFFICES HANDLE.

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DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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FROM BUFFALO (161-394) ~~(P)~~ 1P

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN. BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WOF.

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[redacted] USM, WDNY, BUFFALO, ADVISED CONABLE LEFT WDC THIS MORNING IN POA EN ROUTE TO HOME IN ALEXANDER, NY.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

INQUIRY AT OFFICES OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN (R) HENRY P. SMITH, III, 36TH DISTRICT, NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y., DETERMINED SMITH CAN BE INTERVIEWED AT HIS WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE: 2331 RAYBURN OFFICE BUILDING, (202) 225 3231.

WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERVIEW HENRY P. SMITH, III

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM HOUSTON (161-702) (RUC) 1 PAGE

Mr. Coleman
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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE WFO TEL AUG. 23, 1974.

UACB, FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN B. CONNALLY WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED BY HOUSTON OFFICE IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT LITIGATION INVOLVING CONNALLY. IT HAS BEEN DISCREETLY DETERMINED THAT CONNALLY IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28, 1974.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (161-5674)

FROM BUFFALO (161-394) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, ET AL, AUGUST 21, 1974.

MRS. BARBER B. CONABALE, JR., ALEXANDER, N.Y., ADVISED THAT HER HUSBAND, BARBER B. CONABALE, JR., U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, IS PRESENTLY LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHE ADVISED THAT HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE RAYBURN BUILDING IS (202) 225-3615. HIS HOME ADDRESS IS [redacted] CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND.

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WASHINGTON FIELD WILL INTERVIEW CONABALE REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER.

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10:00 AM URGENT AUGUST 23, 1974

TO DIRECTOR (161-2182)

NEW YORK (161-2961)

PITTSBURGH

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1373)

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN; BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

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RE BUREAU TEL TO ALBANY, AUGUST 21, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION RECEIVING OFFICES, FORMER GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, RAYMOND P. SHAFER, WAS INTERVIEWED IN 1969 AND ADVISED HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATE OF NOMINEE FOR TEN YEARS. BUREAU HAS REQUESTED SHAFER BE RE-INTERVIEWED. INVESTIGATION AT HARRISBURG, PA., REVEALS SHAFER NO LONGER IN HARRISBURG AREA, WAS EMPLOYED BY TEL-A-PROMPTER, A CABLE TV COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY. SHAFER POSSIBLY MAY BE IN HIS HOME TOWN OF MEADVILLE, PA., WHICH IS LOCATED IN PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

LEADS: NEW YORK AT NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR SHAFER FROM TEL-A-PROMPTER.

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PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH, PA. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SHAFER AT MEADVILLE, PA.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, BUFFALO (161-394)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 22, 1974.

FORMER NYS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER EARL W. BRYDGES OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY; FORMER NYS MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONER VINCENT L. TOFANY; NYS COMPTROLLER ARTHUR LEVITT OF NYC AND NYS SENATE MINORITY LEADER JOSEPH ZARETSKI OF NYC WERE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING NOMINEE IN MARCH, 1969, AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY.

BUFFALO AND NEW YORK REINTERVIEW.

INQUIRY, NYS CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION, ALBANY, NY,

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REVEALS COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. KELLY IS PRESENTLY AT THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THIS COMMISSION. NEW YORK INTERVIEW.

INQUIRY AT ALBANY, NY, OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMAN CALVIN WILLIAMS REVEALS WILLIAMS NOW IN HIS BROOKLYN, NY, OFFICE. NEW YORK INTERVIEW.

INQUIRY, SALEM, NY, REVEALS WILLIAM J. DROHAN NOT IN SALEM BUT LAST KNOWN TO BE A JUDGE (NO FURTHER INFORMATION) IN NYC. NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

[redacted] ROUND LAKE, NY, SELF-STYLED CRUSADER FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER NOMINEE TOOK OFFICE AS GOVERNOR IN 1959, AUTO INSURANCE RATES INCREASED BY 33. AS A RESULT, NOMINEE BENEFITED HIMSELF FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS LARGE HOLDINGS IN INSURANCE COMPANIES WRITING AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES IN NYS.

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THE NYS SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE AT THE TIME WAS THOMAS THATCHER, WHO IS NOW WITH THE LAW FIRM OF PATTERSON, BELKNAPP AND WEBB, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC. [redacted] ALSO ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER NOMINEE TOOK OFFICE, THE CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NYC, WHICH SUPPLIES POWER TO NYC, RAISED ITS

RATES SIGNIFICANTLY AND THAT AS A RESULT, NOMINEE BENEFITED HIMSELF FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS LARGE HOLDINGS IN THIS POWER COMPANY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NYS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT THE TIME JAMES J. LUNDY IS NOW DECEASED. SOME COMMISSIONERS AT THE TIME WERE [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] BUFFALO, NEW YORK; AARON L. JOCOBY, 05 CLARK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY; AND RICHARD H. BALCH, 1202 PARKWAY, UTICA, NY. COUNSEL TO THIS COMMISSION AT THE TIME WAS KENT H. BROWN OF SLINGERLANDS, NY. BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND ALBANY INTERVIEW AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: H. WARREN TOOL, JR. Office: DENVER
Date: August 23, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-712 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis: Former Governor JOHN A. LOVE and present Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF, both of Colorado, recommend ROCKEFELLER on ability, character, reputation and loyalty. They each endorse selection of nominee to be U. S. Vice President.

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DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Former Colorado Governor JOHN A. LOVE, now President of Ideal Basic Industries, Inc., 821 17th Street, Denver, advised on August 22, 1974, he first met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER in 1960 at a time when both he and ROCKEFELLER were moving politically. He said that during his own ten year term as Governor of Colorado he was often in contact with the nominee. These contacts were both official and social.

Mr. LOVE characterized ROCKEFELLER as a most able administrator. He said there had never been a question he had concerning the character, reputation or loyalty of the nominee. Mr. LOVE said he fully endorsed the selection of ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President of the United States

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On August 22, 1974, Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF of Colorado recalled knowing NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1960. He said he had met him in connection with Republican Conventions from time to time since 1960 and considered him to be a friend. Governor VANDERHOOF said since becoming the Colorado chief executive he has come to understand more fully the capabilities necessary for being Governor and that ROCKEFELLER's fifteen years as Governor of New York reflected that many believed him a fine administrator. VANDERHOOF recommended ROCKEFELLER in all respects as to ability, character, reputation and loyalty and said he fully endorsed the selection of the name as Vice President.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: WILLIAM G. LAIS
Date: August 23, 1974

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Field Office File #: 161-510

Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: HAROLD LEVANDER, former Republican governor of Minnesota, interviewed and describes nominee as possessing outstanding ability as governmental administrator and organizer. He has penetrating knowledge of domestic and foreign affairs and should be of great assistance to the President. Nothing derogatory developed.

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Details:

On August 22, 1974, Mr. HAROLD LEVANDER, attorney, South St. Paul, Minnesota, and former Republican governor of the State of Minnesota, was interviewed. He advised as follows:

He has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a close personal basis for the past seven years. They met while both attended various governors' meetings and conferences. Since then he has been a guest in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's home.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER displays unusual knowledge of problems in government, and it is easily apparent that nominee is an outstanding administrator and organizer. He has traveled widely throughout the world and the United States. He has organized a highly competent staff which assembles pertinent information for him concerning both foreign and domestic affairs. Mr. ROCKEFELLER possesses a unique organizational ability in that he is able to utilize this information in a most competent fashion.

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Mr. LEVANDER described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as being a humble person, and even though he possesses great wealth is neither boastful or ostentatious. He treats subordinates in a considerate fashion and is comfortable with people from any walk of life or any race.

Mr. LEVANDER pointed out that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is his first choice for Vice President of the United States, and therefore he sent a telegram to the President urging him to nominate Mr. ROCKEFELLER for this position.

Mr. LEVANDER knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and believes him to be a person of outstanding loyalty, reputation and character. Due to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's remarkable abilities, Mr. LEVANDER feels he should be of great assistance to the President.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of:	SC [redacted]	Office:	ST. LOUIS	b6 b7C
Date:	8-23-74			
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Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER			
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY			

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Synopsis: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER served as a member on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations at Washington, D.C. Appointment terminated by reason of expiration of term.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on August 22, 1974, of the records maintained at the National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records) indicated NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, Social Security Account Number 056 09 0954, was appointed a member on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations at Washington, D.C., on November 10, 1965. This appointment terminated on May 21, 1970, by reason of expiration of term.

His date of birth was shown as July 8, 1908; however, place of birth was not shown.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: August 23, 1974

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Mr. Rockefeller was interviewed by Special Agents George E. Saunders and Joseph E. Henehan during a 1 hour and 22 minute flight from Washington, D. C., to Bar Harbor, Maine, on his private jet. Mr. Rockefeller was completely cooperative and forthright. He advised he would make anything and everything the FBI desired available.

Mr. Rockefeller was informed of the scope of the investigation to be conducted by the FBI, which would involve all facets of his personal and financial life.

He advised that he was aware that a thorough investigation would be conducted and that he had no reservations whatsoever. The topic of his divorce was discussed and he said that the matter had been thoroughly reviewed on several occasions in prior campaigns and he did not anticipate or know of any problem that could arise from this matter. He stated he considered the interview of his former wife as appropriate and anticipated no problem as she was a very fine woman. He requested, however, that no question be put to her concerning the financial settlement that resulted from their divorce. He stated she is very sensitive about the settlement, and the divorce included a stipulation, which he agreed to, that the financial arrangement would not be made public. He did not care, himself, but was concerned for her sake that such information would not be released. He was advised that the FBI at this point did not consider such information as pertinent to their investigation. He requested that the Agents who contact his former wife advise her that he had raised the topic of the negotiated settlement not being divulged and that he was living up to the agreement. He also requested that the Agents advise her that it would not be necessary to go into that facet of the divorce.

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Mr. Rockefeller asked if his wife's (Happy) ex-husband, Dr. Murphy, would be interviewed. He was advised that presently such an interview was not planned; however, the possibility did exist that we may desire to interview him in the future. He stated he had no objection to such an interview; however, he would like to be contacted beforehand so that he could advise his wife who would advise Dr. Murphy the FBI planned to interview him. He was advised that the FBI would notify him prior to any interview of Dr. Murphy. He stated that he was unaware that the court records were sealed with regard to his divorce, but he would not hesitate to sign a waiver to open them and he felt sure his ex-wife would also sign such a waiver. He identified the attorneys for himself and his ex-wife and stated he would advise his attorneys to be completely candid if and when interviewed by the FBI. New York plans to contact Mr. Rockefeller's attorney.

Mr. Rockefeller was requested to mentally search his background and past for the purpose of determining if there is anything that could be a problem or possible embarrassing situation that he desired to voluntarily furnish to the FBI so that our investigation could set forth the facts. He was also advised that any rumors or gossip received by the Bureau during the investigation would be furnished to him for the purpose of obtaining his explanation in addition to any investigation conducted with regard to such matters. He advised that there was nothing in his past that concerned him and appreciated the opportunity to answer any rumors or gossip which may develop. He stated that he would be and is most appreciative of a thorough investigation as he knew his entire life would now be under scrutiny, and he did not desire that any unfounded allegations surprise him during the confirmation hearings.

He advised that he is in excellent physical condition and he has already authorized his doctor to furnish the FBI any information requested.

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RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

During the interview his attorney, Robert R. Douglass, was present. Mr. Rockefeller identified him as the individual who would act as a liaison with the Bureau for any request they have from him. Douglass is known to the ADIC, New York Office, as a good friend of the Bureau. Mr. Rockefeller was advised that all requests for personal contact with him would be handled through Mr. Douglass.

When given the opportunity, Mr. Rockefeller identified five individuals he considered close personal friends that he felt should be interviewed and included in the investigative reports. Leads have been given to the New York Office to interview these people.

With regard to his finances, Mr. Rockefeller stated that he once again would make anything and everything the FBI desired available. He has very little to do with the management of his personal finances and he said activities on his part along this line were close to zero. His funds are handled by an office set up to handle the entire finances of the Rockefeller family, which include some 70 individuals. This office maintains a separate set of books for him and the individual who could answer and furnish all financial information was J. Richardson Dilworth. He stated that he felt people would be quite surprised when they find out that his finances are not as large as have been reported by the media.

He stated that he had one item that was of concern to him and that was he had set up several trusts for his children. These trusts are in varying amounts. The children do not know the amounts of each other's trusts and he would not like such information to be divulged. He was advised that in view of the fact he received no income from these trusts nor were they assets that would appear on his own financial worth statement, it was felt at this point there was no need for such information to be set forth. Under current plans the detailed finances of his children and brothers are not going to be reviewed, although pertinent information had been requested with regard to his current wife. He was advised and stated he was well aware that one of the main purposes of the financial review would be for potential or existing conflict of interest problems, and should the investigation necessitate any review of his children's finances he would be contacted beforehand.

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RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

He was furnished with specifics as to what financial information was desired and Mr. Douglass stated this would be promptly forwarded to New York City. It was later determined that they felt this information would be available on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

USA A copy of a "Liberty Lobby" advertisement listing the name Curtis Dall, which listed some five items that President Ford was requested to consider prior to the appointment of Mr. Rockefeller was shown to him and he was advised that our investigation would include developing information concerning the allegations set forth. He stated he had not seen it and neither had the staff members present. He requested that a copy be furnished to him and he advised his staff would make available all information in his records for review to resolve the allegations set forth. He chuckled and said that one of the allegations alluded to the family holdings in the Standard Oil Company, which he advised he believed was less than 1 percent.

He reiterated that he had very little to do with his personal finances and stated he hasn't written a check in 40 years, at which time his secretary added "and you never have any cash in your pocket either." He laughed and stated "that's true." He receives a monthly statement from the family office setting forth receipts and disbursements and other financial information, the review of which is probably the full extent of his own activity concerning personal finances. He does occasionally receive telephone requests for approval of certain transactions, but in most instances completely relies on his staff to handle the finances.

Arrangements have been made to meet with accounting personnel on Mr. Rockefeller's staff Friday afternoon to set forth and go over the specific information needed by the Bureau to insure there has been no misinterpretation of the FBI request forwarded from Maine by Mr. Douglass. After the meeting this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with accounting personnel, the Bureau will be advised when the additional accounting personnel should report to New York City.

ACTION:

For information.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Portland

Date: August 23, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-227 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis: ROBERT B. PAMPLIN, President and Chairman of the Board, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Portland, Oregon, favorable to nomination of the nominee by the President.

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DETAILS:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

ROBERT B. PAMPLIN, President and Chairman of the Board, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, 900 S.W. 5th Street, advised on August 23, 1974, that he does not have personal knowledge of NELSON ROCKEFELLER but has met him on a couple of occasions within the past five to ten years, the last meeting with ROCKEFELLER being at The White House approximately a year ago during a meeting of national businessmen involved with the national economy. He stated that he has never had any personal dealings with ROCKEFELLER but views him as a favorable choice by the President. He stated that he knows ROCKEFELLER mainly through newspaper publications and has never received any information himself reflecting adversely on the nominee's integrity, character, moral habits, sobriety, or loyalty.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

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REFERENCES: Bureau teletypes to WFO, dated 8/21/74.
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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: OMAHA

Date: August 23, 1974

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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY states NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER eminently well qualified in all respects for the high office of Vice President of the United States. Close personal associate states nominee's integrity is irreproachable, is incapable of corruption, is a highly capable individual and well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States. Pertinent information from newspaper morgues set forth.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Des Moines, Iowa, on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

INTERVIEW OF GOVERNOR

On March 27, 1969, Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY, Des Moines, Iowa, was contacted concerning an investigation that was then being conducted concerning Mr. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. At this time Governor RAY advised he had known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for approximately seven years through various political activities. Governor RAY said he would give Mr. ROCKEFELLER the highest endorsement for a high appointive position in the Federal Government from the standpoint of character, integrity, ability, intelligence and loyalty to the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Iowa Governor ROBERT D. RAY was recontacted and advised he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER, knows nothing which would interfere with the nominee's performance of the duties of the high office involved and considers him eminently well qualified for the office of Vice President of the United States from the standpoint of character, experience, ability, honesty and integrity.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Dubuque, Iowa: b6 b7C

CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND

[redacted] Lange Insurance Agency, Dubuque, Iowa, was interviewed at his office, 705 American Trust Building, Dubuque, Iowa, on August 23, 1974, and informed that he has been a close associate of NELSON ROCKEFELLER since the late 1920's when they were both students at Dartmouth College. [redacted] commented that ROCKEFELLER was highly thought of and well respected at Dartmouth College where he was a member in high standing of Phi Beta Kappa. [redacted] pointed out that during the time that they were in college a period of unrest existed in this country and subversive groups were prevalent on college campuses. He noted that ROCKEFELLER was never involved with any of these groups and was a strong supporter of the United States Government at all times, and feels he has always been a loyal American.

[redacted] commented that throughout the years he has been a close friend of ROCKEFELLER and has been a house guest at several of ROCKEFELLER's homes. He noted that he spent some time at ROCKEFELLER's South American residence, pointing out that ROCKEFELLER controls the International Business Enterprise Corporation in South America, which runs a chain of grocery stores. [redacted] knows several employees of this corporation and states that the employees all highly respect ROCKEFELLER in every way.

[redacted] feels ROCKEFELLER's integrity is irreproachable and he is incapable of corruption, noting that ROCKEFELLER's life is an open book.

[redacted] continued that the only criticism of ROCKEFELLER he is aware of in the Dubuque, Iowa, area is his veto of the New York State Bill to repeal legalized abortion, which action occurred while ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State. [redacted] pointed out that Dubuque, Iowa, has a large Catholic population which would be the reason for this criticism.

[redacted] concluded by stating that he feels ROCKEFELLER is a highly capable individual and is well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

NEWSPAPER MORGUE

[redacted] the Omaha World Herald Newspaper, 14th and Dodge Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, made available the records of her office concerning NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, which are extensive and date [redacted] back to 1933. Of significant note was an article concerning ROCKEFELLER's most recent visit to Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 6, 1974, during which nominee spoke to a Nebraska Republican Founders Day gathering. In this article, it was noted ROCKEFELLER stressed welfare reform, anti-drug legislation and President NIXON's right to a fair trial. He also was the object of a demonstration regarding his views on liberal abortion in which approximately thirty persons from Creighton University, Omaha, traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, to protest. There were no incidents in connection with this.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Lincoln, Nebraska, on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

NEWSPAPER MORGUE

[redacted] "Lincoln Journal and Star Newspapers," 926 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, made available the records of her office concerning visits to Lincoln, Nebraska, on the part of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, which reflected the following:

The "Lincoln Star," June 29, 1968, a byline article by DON WALTON, a staff writer, in which WALTON wrote "Promising vast changes in American foreign and domestic policy, Gov. NELSON ROCKEFELLER, Friday, won an enthusiastic welcome from some 4,000 persons on the sun baked University of Nebraska campus."

The "Sunday Journal and Star," April 7, 1974, under a headline, "ROCKEFELLER Stresses Welfare, Drugs, Nixon at GOP Gathering," contains a bylined article by JOHN BARRETTE in which BARRETTE wrote: "NELSON ROCKEFELLER, Saturday (4/6/74) stressed welfare reform, tough anti-drug legislation and President NIXON's right to a fair trial, while an orderly protest of his abortion views provided contrast."

BARRETTE also wrote, "These were some of the ROCKEFELLER positions and brief comments from him on them:"

"Welfare Reform: 'We had to protect the taxpayers from those who were getting it and didn't deserve it;' "

"Drug Pushers: 'I said let's let the people back out on the street and put the pushers in jail and it caused quite a stir;' "

"Watergate: 'Resignation would leave a cloud over the presidency and circumvent the constitutional safeguards guaranteed NIXON. The constitution guarantees every American a right to a fair trial....and that includes the President of the United States.' "

BARRETTE also wrote that ROCKEFELLER "praised NIXON's foreign policy and other programs and described them as 'unique achievements.' "

The "Lincoln Journal" in its issue of April 6, 1974, quoted PAUL O'HARA, Executive Director, Nebraska Catholic Conference, as saying that former New York Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER, not the state Republican Party is the target of the grass roots criticism being mounted in Nebraska. The article further quoted O'HARA as saying that the Nebraska Coalition for Life, an anti-abortion group, might be stimulating this reaction. O'HARA was further quoted as asserting that ROCKEFELLER is pro-abortion and his selection by Nebraska Republicans was in "poor taste in view of the strong pro-life mentality in Nebraska."

The "Lincoln Journal" in its issue of April 3, 1974, reflects an Associated Press article which states: "The Nebraska Coalition for Life, an anti-abortion group has announced plans to picket Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium this Saturday during a scheduled appearance by former New York Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER."

Captain [redacted] Lincoln, Nebraska, Police Department, advised he was in charge of security during the visit of former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER to Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 6, 1974. He said there was a small demonstration at Pershing Auditorium where Governor ROCKEFELLER spoke. He said the demonstrators, who numbered less than thirty, represented an anti-abortion group. He said there were no incidents in connection with this demonstration.

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Date: AUGUST 23, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-1373 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Governor of Pennsylvania MILTON J. SHAPP and former Governor of Pennsylvania WILLIAM W. SCRANTON interviewed and recommend. Mayor of Philadelphia FRANK L. RIZZO has no personal knowledge of nominee. 1969 interview of former Governor RAYMOND P. SHAFER set forth.

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GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

On August 22, 1974, the Honorable MILTON J. SHAPP, Governor, State of Pennsylvania, advised that he has been professionally acquainted with the nominee for approximately four years. Governor SHAPP stated that his relationship with MR. ROCKEFELLER has been only as one Governor to another. He has had no personal or social relationship whatsoever with the nominee or any members of his family. Governor SHAPP advised that he is well acquainted with MR. ROCKEFELLER's reputation as an administrator and public official. Governor SHAPP advised that in his opinion, MR. ROCKEFELLER is well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States and is exactly what the country needs at this time. Governor SHAPP advised that he does not feel that a conflict of interest will arise due to MR. ROCKEFELLER's vast financial holdings. Governor SHAPP advised that MR. ROCKEFELLER's character and reputation are well known to most Americans and he, as the Governor of Pennsylvania, personally recommends MR. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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FORMER GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

On August 22, 1974, former Governor of Pennsylvania WILLIAM W. SCRANTON was contacted at his office at the Northeastern National Bank Building, Scranton, Pa. He has been acquainted with MR. ROCKEFELLER for approximately twelve years and is currently in contact with him on a regular basis. Governor SCRANTON stated that MR. ROCKEFELLER is one of the finest people in American with unquestioned character, patriotism, loyalty, associates, and reputation. Governor SCRANTON stated that while working with MR. ROCKEFELLER they were not close personal friends, but were on a very friendly basis. Governor SCRANTON has the highest regard for MR. ROCKEFELLER because of his vast experience in administrative Government and would have no hesitation in highly recommending him for a position of trust and responsibility with the Federal Government. Governor SCRANTON recommends MR. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA

On August 23, 1974, the Honorable FRANK L. RIZZO, Mayor of Philadelphia, Pa., advised he knows the nominee only by reputation and has no personal knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mayor RIZZO stated that based on nominee's reputation he highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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[redacted] Pa., advised as follows on January 26, 1953:

[redacted] stated in 1945 [redacted]

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On August 23, 1974, [redacted] was reinterviewed concerning his comments made in 1953. [redacted] advised he had no additional information to add to the comments previously made by him in 1953.

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On March 28, 1969, then Governor RAYMOND P. SHAFER, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., advised he had been a close political associate and personal friend of Governor ROCKEFELLER for about ten years and considered him as one of the outstanding public figures in the world. He said ROCKEFELLER is a highly intelligent, deeply dedicated, sincerely compassionate, extremely capable, and an unquestionable loyal American of the highest moral integrity, sense of duty, and personal honor. Governor SHAFER stated he would endorse ROCKEFELLER without qualification for the highest public office.

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August 24, 1974

Dear [redacted] Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

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My fellow senior citizens in my community and myself wish to take the opportunity in sending this letter to you. We know that Mr Nelson Rockefeller is up for confirmation by the members of Congress and he is also under investigation by the FBI. The reason why we are writing to you is that in 1972 besides having Watergate in Washington D.C. we had a Watergate in New York as well. Mr Rockefeller is a prankster and dirty-tricks man. Congress woman Mrs Bella Abzug of New York was running for office in 1972, Mr Rockefeller did not like Mrs Abzug so he organized a group to go around bribing people by offering money to vote for her opponent Mrs Priscilla Ryan and they were saying all kinds of things against Mrs Abzug and Mrs Ryan's son was among this group. This took place on election day and we actually saw this wrong doing on television and a reporter by the name of Mr Roger Sharp of Eye witness news WABC Channel 7 saw what went on and he was sort of confused and when he tried to approach this group to question them they fled and Mrs Ryan Mrs Abzug's opponent was on the other corner and she saw what happened that they were being

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Caught by the television cameras she was frightened and she quickly withdrew from the race and conceded to Mrs Abzug that she had won the election and when other reporters approached Mrs Ryan's son they asked him how he felt that his mother had lost the election he answered very abruptly. He probably was mad at the outcome that they were caught and that the wrong doing did not materialize and we thank the good Lord for it but how about Mr Rockefeller does he deserve to hold the 2nd highest office in this country. Do you think its appropriate to have a pranks and dirty tricks man to be vice-president indeed not. We would like to suggest to you to give yourself the benefit of the doubt, we are sure that Channel 7 must have this tape that took place in November 1972 on election day and the news reporter was Mr Roger Sharp and that hopefully this tape will be available for you to examine and that Mr Sharp will remember this incident what we are sure that he will and it is the election returns of Bella Abzug and Priscilla Ryan. We do hope that you will assist the information. Thank you

Sincerely yours

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P.S. We forgot to mention to you that crime in this country is getting to be unbearable and we cannot understand that ~~as~~ every time a Cremial is caught what is very rare its usually a Portorrican a negro or a foreigner and the reason is because our law-makers are lax and we can blame all these crimes on former president Nixon because he is the one responible for all this garboge that is comming into this country including the aliens. What kind of people do you have working in customs and that is where you come in [redacted] We need some of your people b6 b7C to investigate these custom stations to see what they are doing with the people comming into this county. Another thing we are concerned about is that immigiation is too easy these days whereas years back people had to wait until they got to their home to come into this country and ~~sometimes~~ sometimes they had to wait a few years and a family never come here together either in other words they went to a lot of red tape because they used to look into people before they OK'd them to come to America and when they got here they were investigated again so shall we say that those were the good old days. We are confident that with your willingness and good faith it can be done again [redacted] God knows

what is being smuggled into this country thanks to Mr Nixon for giving people the free hand to come and we do hope that President Ford will be more cautious on immigration. This country is full of drugs and guns and these two bad things have been jeorpardizing the lives of the american people and it frightens us and again we say thanks to Mr Nixon. We do want strict laws on drugs and guns which are killing our society. If we were you we would send my people throughout the country and confiscate every car and take every illegal drug and gun and throw it in the rivers just like the Boston Tea Party and also I would be sure that every airport, railroad station, bus stops and custom stations would be armed and fortified then perhaps we will be a step in the right direction to fight crimes. Please we urge to you to do something to fight crimes in our country. We have been living in fear for 5½ years since Mr Nixon come to the White House. We will say that once in a while we did fear of crimes in other administrations but it was rare and it was more among gangsters but instead in the past 2 years they that have been killing anybody that comes along for no reason especially in the subways of New York and other places as well in fact they even shoot people out in the street at

broad day light and they also shoot at cars which we have seen on television. These people are sick and should not take part in society and the reason is drugs which make them mentally sick and want to make them want to kill people Very seldom are criminals caught because after the victim is buried you dont hear anything more about that case so therefore as you can see the laws of this country are lax and once in awhile when a criminal is caught he gets out on bail and when his case comes up he gets a light sentence to come out and start all over again. We feel that between you and attorney General Saxbe you can do something to fight crime to protect our people and had former attorney General John Mitchell done his job faithfully and not indulge in Watergate perhaps we would not have these crimes today and we do know one thing that the late Robert Kennedy did do his job effectively when he was attorney General during his brother's administration He had all corners of crime investigated including the mafia and during that administration to a certain extend crimes were under controll and the reason for that was that we had an attorney General who was on the allert and we did not hear them of any one involved in drugs. The only people who

used drugs then were people from organized crime and they only fought among themselves and at the same time attorney General Kennedy was working on these people What is our present attorney General Saxbe doing to fight crime. People are being killed like flies all over this country and the first thing I would get rid of is aliens which there are plenty of them. We need a lot of FBI men and policemen. We are sick and tired of these crimes. We just hate to lock ourselves in the house but we have to under such ~~assassinations~~ circumstances which is a disgrace. We are going to send a letter to President Ford as soon as we find the time to do so and we do hope that all you law people will do your utmost to work something out on this subject of crime. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and that hopefully something will be done. Thanks again.

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NEW YORK STATE SENATOR JACK E. BRONSTON, INTERVIEWED AT HIS OFFICE LOCATED AT 295 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK CITY, ON AUGUST 23, 1974. BRONSTON CHARACTERIZED NOMINEE AS MAN WITHOUT ANY MORAL INSTINCTS AND POWER RIDDEN. STATED ROCKEFELLER'S POWER DESIRE HAS ALLOWED HIS RATONALITY TO RUN AWAY FROM HIM AND NOMINEE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF POWER.

BRONSTON ALLEGES NOMINEE VIOLATED NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAWS INASMUCH AS HE BORROWED $2,700,000 FROM HIS MOTHER FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES DURING 1966 GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN. BRONSTON OF OPINION LOAN NOT REPAID AND ABOVE ACTION BY NOMINEE ILLEGAL. BRONSTON ADVISED HE BROUGHT THE ABOVE CHARGES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESS IN JANUARY, 1967. FURTHER, HE TRIED, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO HAVE ABOVE MATTER INVESTIGATED BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE. HE INTENDS AGAIN, IN NEAR FUTURE, TO RENEW CHARGES BEFORE

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BRONSTON ALLEGED FURTHER THAT NOMINEE "BOUGHT STATE SENATOR JOSEPH ZARETZKI FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE" BY ARRANGING FOR ZARETZKI'S SELECTION AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE IN 1965.

BRONSTON FURTHER STATED ROCKEFELLER, IF PUSHED INTO A CORNER, WOULD NOT HESITATE TO COMMIT SOME TYPE OF ILLEGAL ACT TO EXTRICATE HIMSELF. BRONSTON WOULD NOT RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE ROCKEFELLER'S NOMINATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (161-955) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO INDIANAPOLIS AUG. 23, 1974

[redacted] ASSISTANT TO J. IRWIN MILLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CUMMINS ENGINE COMPANY INC. COLUMBUS IND. ADVISED TODAY, MILLER IS PRESENTLY VACTIONING AT HIS SUMMER HOME IN WINDEMERE, MUSKOKA LAKE, ONTARIO, CANADA.

[redacted] ATTEMPTED TO TELEPHONEICALLY CONTACT MILLER FOR AN INTERVIEW, BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM. HE EXPLAINED MILLER WILL RETURN TO HIS OFFICE IN COLUMBUS AUG. 29, NEXT.

INDIANAPOLIS AT COLUMBUS, IND. WILL INTERVIEW MILLER UPON HIS RETURN AUG. 29, NEXT, RE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE NOMINEE. UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197) (MAIL)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) ~~(P)~~ (1P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974,

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 21, 1974.

NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE BELLA S. ABZUG, NEW YORK, HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. AIDES AT REPRESENTATIVE ABZUG'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED ON AUGUST 22, 1974, SHE IS PRESENTLY TRAVELING IN NEW YORK BUT INTENDED TO CONTACT THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY. TO DATE NO CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, ATTEMPTS BY BUFFALO TO INTERVIEW HOWARD J. SAMUELS, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, NEW YORK STATE, AT CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK, MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ON AUGUST 23, 1974, IT WAS DETERMINED THROUGH AN OFFICIAL OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ONTARIO COUNTY, THAT SAMUELS' HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED NEW YORK CITY AND HE COULD BE LOCATED THROUGH TELEPHONE NUXBER (212) 661-9530.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK CITY WILL DETERMINE SAMUELS' LOCATION AND INTERVIEW HIM RE CAPTIONED, OR SET FORTH LEAD FOR INTERVIEW.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION BUFFALO, REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED HERBERT A. POSNER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, 22 AD, NYC, ADVISED DURING INTERVIEW THAT FORMER GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER BOUGHT A FAVORABLE VOTE FROM FORMER DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES STOCKMEISTER OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF INCREASING THE NYS SALES TAX WHEN AFOREMENTIONED BILL WAS IN THE NYS LEGISLATURE, BY APPOINTING STOCKMEISTER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. POSNER STATED STOCKMEISTER IN ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ALBANY UNABLE TO REACH STOCKMEISTER WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE AT HOME IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. IN VIEW OF IMMINENCE OF BUDED, BUFFALO IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW STOCKMEISTER WHILE HE IS IN ROCHESTER.

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REWFOTEL, DATED AUGUST 22, 1974.

PERRY DURYEA, SPEAKER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS HOME, OLD MONTAUK HIGHWAY, MONTAUK, NEW YORK, ON AUGUST 23, 1974, AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:.

DURYEA CHARACTERIZED ROCKEFELLER AS A PERSON WHO HAD TO HAVE HIS OWN WAY. ROCKEFELLER WOULD NOT LET ANYTHING OR ANYONE STAND IN HIS WAY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A DESIRED GOAL. IF HE WANTED A BILL TO PASS IN THE LEGISLATURE, HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN VOTES BY CHARMING A PARTICULAR ASSEMBLYMAN, LET THE ASSEMBLYMAN USE HIS, ROCKEFELLER'S PRIVATE PLANE, OR IF ALL ELSE FAILED GO OVER THE HEAD OF THE PARTICULAR ASSENBLYMAN TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON HIM SO THAT THE ASSEMBLYMAN WOULD VOTE THE ROCKEFELLER WAY. HOWEVER, ROCKEFELLER WOULD NOT HESITATE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH DEMOCRATS OR LIBERALS OR ANYONE ELSE TO OBTAIN A DESIRED RESULT. A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE

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DEAL CONSUMMATED BY ROCKEFELLER OF THE LIBERAL AND DEMOCRATIC BOSSES OF THE NEW YORK CITY TO INSTALL FORMER MAYOR ROBERT WAGNER AS THE INDIVIDUAL TO REPLACE FORMER MAYOR JOHN LINDSAY WHEN LINDSAY'S TERM EXPIRED.

DURYEA DESCRIBED ROCKEFELLER AS A VERY CHARMING, PERSONABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT TIMES, HAS THE ABILITY TO SWAY A PERSON THROUGH THE SHEER FORCE OF HIS MAGNETISM. DESPITE HIS PERSONALITY, HE LEADS A SOLITARY SECLUDED LIFE, HAVING NO REAL PERSONAL FRIENDS. HIS ESTATE AT POCANTICO, NEW YORK, TYPIFIES HIS LIFE STYLE AS BEING ONE WHOSE PRIVATE LIFE IS WITHDRAWN FROM REALITY.

REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S SOCIAL LIFE, ROCKEFELLER HAS THE REPUTATION IN ALBANY OF BEING A "LADIES MAN". DURYEA COULD NOT, HOWEVER, CITE THE NAMES OF ANYONE WITH WHOM

ROCKEFELLER WOULD BE INVOLVED. DURYEA IS NOT VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE ROCKEFELLER FINANCES. HE KNEW THAT DURING 1964, HE, MR. ROCKEFELLER, DURING HIS BID FOR THE PRESIDANCY, SPENT APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILLION DOLLARS ON THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY AND THREE MILLIN DOLLARS ON THE OREGON PRIMARY. IN EITHER THE 1966 OR 1970 1970 RE-ELECTION BID BY ROCKEFELLER FOR NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR, ROCKEFELLER SPENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS. MUCH OF THE MONEY ROCKEFELLER RECEIVED FOR HIS CAMPAIGNS WAS EITHER HIS OWN CONTRIBUTION OF HIS OWN PERSONAL FINANCES, OR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY FAMILY MEMBERS. DURYEA SAID THAT ROCKEFELLER'S STEP-MOTHER CONTRIBUTED THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO ROCKEFELLER'S 1970 RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. DURYEA DID NOT KNOW IF MONEY WAS CONTRIBUTED BY OUTSIDE CORPORATIONS TO ROCKEFELLER'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNS SINCE HE IS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ROCKEFELLER'S FINANCIAL MATTERS. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE, DURYEA FELT THAT ROCKEFELLER DID NOTHING ILLEGAL OR GAVE AWAY ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED HEAVILY TO HIS

CAMPAIGNS. HOWEVER, ADVISED DURYEA, THOMAS WALLACE, FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF NEW YORK STATE, WHO WAS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAWS, WOULD BE MORE QUALIFIED TO OFFER A JUDGMENT REGARDING THE LEGALITIES OF MR. ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN PRACTICES.

REGARDING DURYEA'S OWN INDICTMENT BY THE MANHATTAN NEW YORK DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR ALLEGEDLY CONTRIBUTING HIS CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO THE LIBERAL PARTY IN ORDER TO INSURE REPUBLICAN VICTORY AT THE POLLS, DURYEA HAD NO DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER PUSHED THE LEGAL ACTION TO PREVENT HIM FROM RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN 1974. HE STATED THAT THE ISSUE HAD BEEN DECIDED BY THE COURTS PREVIOUSLY AND HELD THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO DURYEA WERE NOT LEGAL, WHICH RAISED THE QUESTIN IN DURYEA'S MIND AS TO WHY HE, DURYEA, SHOULD BE INDICTED FOR THE SAME ACTIONS THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADJUDICATED AS NOT ILLEGAL. HE SAID ALFRED SCOTTI, CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR NEW YORK CITY, PERSONALLY CONDUCTED THE INVESTIGATION REGARDING DURYEA AND COULD SUPPLY ANY EVIDENCE NEEDED OF MR. ROCKEFELLER'S INVOLVEMENT IN TNIS CASE, IF SUCH EVIDENCE

IN FACT EXISTED.

DURYEA STATED, HOWEVER, THAT ROCKEFELLER IS A MAN OF TREMENDOUS ENERGY AND DISCRETION. HE DOES NOT DRINK IN EXCESS, AND WHEN HE DOES IMBIBE IN ALCHOHOLIC BEVERAGES, HE ALWAYS DRINKS WINE. HE HAS AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND IN THAT HE HAS HELD RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, AND BECAUSE OF HIS INTERESTS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH HENRY KISSINGER, ROCKEFELLER IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN FOREIGN POLITICS. IF AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY, DURYEA WUULD VOTE FOR ROCKEFELLER'S CONFIRMATION AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHERS FOR WHOM HE WOULD CAST A MORE ENTHUSIASTIC VOTE.

[redacted] WIFE OF THE SPEAKER, MRS. Perry DURYEA, ABOVE, OLD MONTAUK HIGHWAY, MONTAUK, NEW YORK. ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON AUGUST 23, 1974: b6 b7C

FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE HER HUSBAND FIRST WENT TO ALBANY. SHE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER. SHE HAS NOT BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF MR. ROCKEFELLER, ONLY KNOWING HIM FROM REPUBLICAN SOCIALS AND CAMPAIGNS. SHE CHARACTERIZED

ROCKEFELLER AS A RUTHLESS POLITICIAN, ALLOWING NOTHING OR NO ONE TO STAND IN HIS WAY TO OBTAIN A PARTICULAR END. SHE ACCUSED ROCKEFELLER OF ENGINEERING THE INDICTMENT OF HER HUSBAND FOR ALLEGED ILLEGAL ELECTION PROCEDURES, CITING INFORMATION SHE RECEIVED FROM CHARLES WEBB OF SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, LOUIS LEFKOWITZ KNEW ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT MR. DURYEA AS EARLY AS OCTOBER, 1972, AND DID NOTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL MR. ROCKEFELLER DECIDED TO STEP DOWN FROM THE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR AND MR. DURYEA LOOKED AS IF HE WOULD STAND AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF WINNING THE GOVERNOR'S ELECTION IN 1974. MRS. DURYEA OPPINED THAT ROCKEFELLER DELIBERATELY CAUSED DURYEA TO BE INDICTED KNOWING THAT THE ACTION WOULD NEVER SUCCEED IN COURT, BECAUSE ROCKEFELLER WAS AFRAID THAT DURYEA, AS GOVERNOR, COULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY ROCKEFELLER.

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SHE SAID SHE KNOWS NOTHING OF ROCKEFELLER'S PRIVATE LIFE EXCEPT THAT SHE DID NOT PERSONALLY APPROVE OF ROCKEFELLER DIVORCING HIS FIRST WIFE AFTER SO MANY YEARS, AND MARRYING A YOUNGER WOMAN, WHO LEFT HER HUSBAND AND FOUR CHILDREN.

SHE SAID ROCKEFELLER IS NOT A HEAVY DRINKER, NOR DOES HE USE DRUGS. SHE SAID THAT HE HAS A CHARMING PERSONALITY.

SHE CONCLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH SHE HAS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS, SHE HAS HEARD AGAIN, POSSIBLY FROM MR. WEBB, THAT ROCKEFELLER FINANCED MR. HOGAN'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN 1973 FOR THE JOB OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NEW YORK COUNTY, AND, THEREFORE, ROCKEFELLER DID WHAT MR. DURYEA WAS ACCUSED OF DOING. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT BECAUSE OF ROCKEFELLER'S UNETHICAL IF NOT ILLEGAL CONDUCT REGARDING HER HUSBAND, AND HIS RUTHLESS PERSONALITY, SHE COULD NOT RECONMEND THAT HE BE CONFIRMED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.



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AT ALBANY, NEW YORK. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONTACT THOMAS WALLACE, FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, AND INTERVIEW REGARDING ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN PRACTICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS 1966 AND 1970 CAMPAIGNS.

2. CONTACT THOMAS PFEIFFER, ALBANY SAVINGS BANK, REGARDING THE FINANCING OF ROCKEFELLER' S PRIMARIES IN CALIFORNIA AND OREGON IN 1964.

3. CONTACT CHARLES WEBB THROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBER (315) HA 2-9201, AND INTERVIEW REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE RELATIVE TO ROCKEFELLER'S INVOLVEMENT IN PROSECUTING DURYEA, IN AN ATTEMPT TO THWART DURYEA'S BID FOR THE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

1. CONTACT ALFRED SCOTTI, CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY , NEW YORK COUNTY TO DETERMINE IF ROCKEFELLER OR HIS AGENTS HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE INDICTMENT OF MR. DURYEA, AND IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT ROCKEFELLER INFLUENCE WAS EXCERCISED, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IT WAS EXCERCISED TO EMBARASS MR. DURYEA.

LEADS CONTINUED:

2. CONTACT GEORGE HINMAN, ROCKEFELLER'S PERSONAL ATTORNEY, ROCKEFELLER CENTER, NEW YORK, AND INTERVIEW RELATIVE TO ROCKEFELLER'S CAMPAIGN PRACTICES IN THE 1964 CALIFORNIA AND OREGON PRIMARIES.

3. CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL LOUIS LEFKOWITZ TO DETERMINE IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE DURYEA INDICTMENT AS EARLY AS OCTOBER, 1972, AND THAT ONLY FROM PRESSURE EXCERCISED BY ROCKEFELLER DID HE TURN THE INFORMATION OVER TO THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

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RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AUGUST 21, 1974 AND BUFFALO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, AUGUST 23, 1974.

FRED J. ECKERT, NYS SENATOR, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT PERRY DURYEA, NYS ASSEMBLY SPEAKER WAS INDICTED LAST YEAR FOR AN OBSCURE ELECTION LAW VIOLATION, WHICH HAS PROBABLY BEEN VIOLATED MANY TIMES BY OTHERS THROUGH IGNORANCE OF THE LAW. HE SAID DURYEA WAS THE ONLY PERSON INDICTED ON THIS VIOLATION AND HAS SINCE BEEN VINDICATED.

THIS INDICTMENT COINCIDED WITH RESIGNATION OF ROCKEFELLER AS GOVERNOR OF NY AND ECKERT SAID IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT ROCKEFELLER RESIGNED TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1976 AND PREFERRED MALCOLM WILSON TO DURYEA AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, AND THAT THE INDICTMENT OF DURYEA WAS A MOVE BY ROCKEFELLER TO PREVENT DURYEA FROM BEING ELECTED GOVERNOR.

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ECKERT HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION RE DURYEA'S INDICTMENT BUT FEELS IT COULD BE POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING FOR ROCKEFELLER.

[redacted] ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, BUFFALO, NY ADVISED HE BELIEVES NOMINEE MADE ERRORS IN HIS HANDLING OF THE ATTICA PRISON RIOT IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. HE SAID ROCKEFELLER REFUSED TO PERSONALLY NEGOTIATE WITH PRISONERS PRIOR TO STORMING OF PRISON BY NEW YORK STATE TROOPERS. ALSO, NOMINEE APPROPRIATED TWO AND HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR PROSECUTION OF THOSE INVOLVED IN RIOT, BUT REFUSED APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEFENSE OF THEM.

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[redacted] FEELS NOMINEE WOULD SUBORDINATE HIS CONSCIENCE FOR POLITICAL AMBITION, GIVING AS AN EXAMPLE, NOMINEE'S DESIGNATION OF ONE HUNDRED NEW POSITIONS EQUIVALENT TO NEW YORK SUPREME COURT JUDGES TO ENFORCE NEW NYS DRUG LAW, AND PRESSURED NYS LEGISLATURE INTO PASSING DRUG LAW AND JUDGE POSITIONS. HE BELIEVES THESE POSITIONS WERE PRIMARILY FOR INCREASED PATRONAGE. HE SAID STATE OF NY CURRENTLY IN A "DOMESTIC MESS" WITH

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THE HIGHEST TAXES IN THE NATION, AND THAT NOMINEE HAS TAKEN CARE OF THE POOR WITH NUMEROUS WELFARE BENEFITS, BUT HAS FORGOTTEN MIDDLE INCOME GROUP WHO ARE BEING "TAXED TO DEATH" IN THE STATE OF NY.

[redacted] FIGHT, INC., ROCHESTER, NY, ADVISED HE BELIEVES NOMINEE MADE ERROR IN JUDGEMENT DURING ATTICA PRISON REBELLION IN SEPTEMBER, 1971. HE WAS MEMBER OF OBSERVERS COMMITTEE AND FEELS NOMINEE'S FAILURE TO PERSONALLY GO TO ATTICA PRISON COST 42 LIVES. HE SAID HE IS DISTURBED THAT NOMINEE DID NOT ADMIT MISTAKE. HE SAID THAT STATE OF NEW YORK SPENT THREE MILLION DOLLARS ON INDICTMENTS, BUT NOMINEE WOULD NOT PROVIDE STATE FUNDS FOR DEFENSE OF INDICTED INMATES. HE FEELS ERRORS WERE MADE BY NOMINEE BECAUSE NOMINEE IS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

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[redacted] ACTION FOR BETTER COMMUNITY, ROCHESTER, NY FEELS NOMINEE MADE JUDGEMENT ERROR IN NOT GOING TO ATTICA PRISON DURING 1971 REBELLION. ALSO, HE FEELS THAT NOMINEE CANNOT EMPATHISE WITH AVERAGE AMERICAN

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BECAUSE OF HIS WEALTH.

LOUIS RUSSO, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OF ERIE COUNTY, BUFFALO, NY ADVISED THAT NYS CONSTITUTION FORBIDS LARGE SCALE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BY STATE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT APPROVAL BY STATE WIDE REFERENDUM AND THAT NOMINEE AVOIDED THIS IN BUILDING OF SOUTH MALL IN ALBANY, NY BY PRESSURING ALBANY COUNTY INTO FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTING MALL, WITH STATE MAKING PAYMENTS TO ALBANY COUNTY. HE SAID THIS CLAUSE OF NYS CONSTITUTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN CIRCUMVENTED BY NOMINEE BY ESTABLISHING NUMEROUS AUTHORITIES SUCH AS NYS THRUWAY AUTHORITY AND STATE UNIVERSITY DORMITORY AUTHORITY AS INDEPENDENT BODIES FOR PURPOSE OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, AVOIDING REFERENDUM. HE SAID NOMINEE HAS INJECTED HIMSELF UNNECESSARILY INTO LOCAL POLITICS, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF APPOINTMENTS TO STATE POSITIONS.

ALBANY AT ALBANY, NEW YORK. WILL INTERVIEW COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ALBANY COUNTY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE ~~SO, WITH~~

REGARD TO ALLEGED PRESSURE BY ROCKEFELLER FOR LARGE SCALE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY ALBANY COUNTY, LATER TO BE PAID FOR BY THE STATE TO ALBANY COUNTY AND CIRCUMVENTING STATE CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENT THAT ANY SUCH CONSTRUCTION NOT BEING CONDUCTED WITHOUT APPROVAL BY STATE WIDE REFERENDUM.

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Synopsis: Political leaders, labor leaders, numerous New York State Senators and Assemblymen, as well as public officials, representatives of the news media, and law enforcement officials, recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for confirmation as Vice President of the United States. Those who know the nominee well described him, among other things, as a great American, a man of the highest integrity whose associations during his many years in the political arena have been above reproach, and as a person who overwhelmingly possesses all the qualifications necessary to be the Vice President of the United States. Those individuals who have known him only on a professional basis and by reputation only also recommend him for the office of Vice President. STANLEY HARWOOD, Nassau County Democratic Party Chairman, advised he had heard many vague, unsubstantiated stories that nominee was "a ladies man". DENIS DILLON, former Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force, EDNY, advised that a convicted narcotics dealer, [redacted] bragged to undercover agent that he had photograph taken with nominee in Albany. J. STANLEY SHAW, Chairman, Liberal Party of Queens County, New York, stated not in favor of nominee in that ROCKEFELLER is reputed to be involved in politically powerful money deals to perpetuate himself in the political arena. G. OLIVER KOPPELL, New York State Assemblyman, advised he believes nominee used improper tactics while Governor of the State of New York in order to gain support for his legislative programs. GUY BREWER, New York State Assemblyman, stated that nominee was inclined to take shortcuts in obtaining legislation and would attempt to get the legislation passed regardless of the rules or the Constitution.

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New York, New York

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Deputy Study Director, advised SA [redacted] that the captioned organization is a private, non-profit organization which investigates major issues of economic and social importance confronting Americans. He advised the legal entity under which the captioned organization is formed is the Third Century Corporation of which the nominee is the President, Chairman of the Board, and a major contributor. He has been also President of the Commission on Critical Choices, since December 1973. He stated he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for only the past six months since he has been employed there, but has worked quite closely with him during that time. He stated he is an ethical man of great vitality and stamina and has his unqualified recommendation for the office of Vice President. He stated he knew of nothing in his personal or public life that might reasonably be an embarrassment to the administration.

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On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Executive Director, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee since 1963, primarily through the nominee's brother, [redacted] advised he was [redacted] when he came with the captioned study group. He stated his exposure to the nominee has been extensive and that there is no man better qualified for the office of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Director of Domestic Studies, advised SA [redacted] he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for three years and has been a Deputy Secretary under him and was the [redacted] He stated he felt the nominee to be the most suitable candidate for the office of Vice President, a man of absolute integrity and a guidepost for others to follow. He stated he knew of nothing in his private or public life that might reasonably be an embarrassment to the administration.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Secretary, advised he is also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Third Century Corporation and has known the nominee both professionally and socially for two years. He advised he felt the nominee to be a man of complete integrity, a credit to the country, and an excellent choice for the office of Vice President. He stated he knew of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] Associate Director, advised she has worked for Mr. ROCKEFELLER since 1960 and has been closely associated with him for the past six or seven years. She stated she felt there could be no finer choice for the office of Vice President than Mr. ROCKEFELLER. She stated she knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] Secretary to the nominee, advised she is located at the offices of the captioned organization but is employed and paid by Mr. ROCKEFELLER. She advised she has known him since 1948 and has worked for him since 1964. She advised she felt he was a great choice as Vice President, inasmuch as he is admirably qualified as a leader and a man of unquestioned integrity. She advised she knew nothing concerning his public or private life that might reasonably be an embarrassment to the administration.

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II. INTERVIEWS OF POLITICAL LEADERS

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 22, 1974, JAMES O'CONNELL, Jones Street, Cairo, New York, Greene County Democratic Party Chairman, advised he is employed at the New York State Senate Building in Albany, and through his position has had several contacts with the nominee. Although of the opposite political party, he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding administrator, a man of fine character, reputation and loyalty, and is pleased to see him nominated for the Vice Presidency.

On August 23, 1974, HAROLD BROWN, JR., South Hill, Ellenville, New York, Ulster County Democratic Party Chairman, advised he has had no personal contact with the nominee, but knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 23, 1974, Ulster County Clerk ALBERT SPADA, Kingston, New York, Ulster County Republican Party Chairman, advised he has met with the nominee on numerous occasions during his term as Governor of New York State, both at the State Capitol and at the Governor's mansion. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding administrator and a person of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. He highly recommends him for the position of Vice President.

On August 23, 1974, Greene County Clerk NEAL BRANDOW, Catskill, New York, Greene County Republican Party Chairman, advised he has met the nominee on numerous occasions through his position as Party Chairman, both professionally and socially. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a superior administrator and a person of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, and who is an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency.

On August 21, 1974, Mr. ALEX ROSE, Vice Chairman, New York State Liberal Party, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for approximately twenty years and although the Liberal Party has never endorsed him he has a very high regard for him. He stated that he knows the nominee in a political context and has met with him on several occasions to discuss various issues. He stated that the nominee is an honorable man to deal with and that nothing ever came to his attention that would cause him to question his character, integrity, or loyalty to the United States. He said that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice for appointment as Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 21, 1974, Mr. EDWARD MORRISSON, 292 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he is Vice Chairman of the New York State Liberal Party and has met the nominee on a number of occasions, and has been greatly impressed by his intelligence, competence, and ability. He said that ROCKEFELLER is of excellent character, that there is no question of his loyalty to the United States and that, in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER will carry out the duties of the Vice-Presidency in an excellent manner.

On August 21, 1974, Mr. HENRY STERN, Acting Chairman, New York County Liberal Party, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he is a member of the New York City Council, and that he has met the nominee on a few occasions. He stated, however, that he could furnish no comments of a personal nature concerning him because of a lack of sufficient contact with him.

On August 23, 1974, JAMES G. KINSELLA, Attorney, [redacted] Staten Island, New York, advised SA ALBERT E. FALLER he has been Chairman of the Richmond County Conservative Party since January, 1974, and has had no direct contact with the nominee. He said, however, that he is concerned because of ROCKEFELLER's strong advocacy of no fault automobile insurance while Governor, and the fact that his brother, DAVID ROCKEFELLER, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Chase Manhattan Bank, is also director of several insurance companies that stood to profit by the no fault bill. He said that he has no information that the nominee's advocacy of this legislation was improper in any way, but felt that this relationship should be noted. b6 b7C

With regard to the above information, it should be noted that the 1974 issue of "Standard and Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives" lists DAVID ROCKEFELLER as chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, Chase Manhattan Bank, New York City; however, he is not listed as a director of any insurance company.

On August 23, 1974, DANIEL L. MASTERS, [redacted] Staten Island, New York, advised SA FALLER that he was Chairman of the Richmond County Conservative Party from 1972 to 1973, and Vice-Chairman from 1966 to 1972. He stated that he has had no personal contact with the nominee and could furnish no information concerning him.

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On August 23, 1974, Mr. WILLIAM H. O'CONNELL, [redacted] Staten Island, New York, advised SA ALBERT E. FALLER that he is the Chairman of the Richmond County Liberal Committee, and that the former Chairman moved to Chicago and her whereabouts are not known to him. He stated, however, that he has been active in politics since 1968, and met the nominee on several occasions going back to 1968 at which time he was a student at Syracuse University. He stated that he has had no close contact with the nominee, but that he knows nothing that would reflect adversely on his character, integrity or loyalty to the United States.

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On August 21, 1974, ROBERT F. WAGNER, former Mayor of New York City, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that he became acquainted with the nominee approximately twenty years ago. He explained that he and the nominee's brother, WINTHROP, had been students at Yale at the same time and he got to know the ROCKEFELLER family on a social basis. He stated that he became Mayor of New York in 1953, and was Mayor when the nominee ran for Governor of New York in 1958. WAGNER stated that he is a Democrat and has had many "political battles" with the nominee and he never supported him in any of his political campaigns, nor did he ever receive any backing or assistance from the nominee. He stated, however, that he feels a strong, personal friendship and high regard for the nominee and he said "his word was bond". He said the nominee is a person of complete integrity and a highly capable and talented administrator. He said that although they were on opposite sides of the fence politically, they both hold a mutual respect for each other. He added he has never known or heard of any irregularities or indiscretions concerning the nominee either in his personal or political life. He also stated that the nominee would bring a great deal of experience and knowledge to Washington and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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On August 21, 1974, Mr. FRANK G. ROSETTI, Chairman, Democratic County Committee, New York County, 340 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he was a member of the New York State Legislature from 1954 until 1972, and as Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Industry, he had a working relationship with the nominee. He stated that he has a very high regard for his ability as an administrator and responsible Government official. He said that the nominee is a "mover" in that he takes the initiative in introducing new ideas and new legislation. He said there is no question of his good character, habits, or loyalty to the United States. He noted that ROCKEFELLER nominated his (ROSETTI's) son for a judgeship in New York State but that this does not in any way influence his high opinion of ROCKEFELLER. He said that his selection as Vice President, in his opinion, is very good.

On August 22, 1974, Mr. MEADE N. ESMITH, Chairman, Democratic County Committee, Kings County, 147 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for approximately five years and holds him in very high regard as a very honorable, dedicated idealist who has served the people of this state and country in an excellent manner. He said that he is a great American, that he knows of nothing in the nominee's background that would cause embarrassement to the administration or the country, and that he would endorse his nomination without reservation.

On August 21, 1974, PATRICK CUNNINGHAM, [redacted] New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he is Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, Bronx County, and that he has met the nominee on a number of occasions during the past ten years. He stated that his association with him has always been in a political vein, and that he regards him as an honorable man of the highest integrity. He stated he knew of nothing that would reflect adversely on his character or loyalty to the United States. He said that, in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER's

nomination is bad for the Democratic Party because it would make it more difficult for the Democratic Party to elect a President, but that he thinks it is an excellent choice for the Republican Party and for the country.

On August 22, 1974, JEROME M. NEUBERGER, Attorney, [redacted] Staten Island, New York, advised SA ALBERT FALLER that he is Vice Chairman, Richmond Democratic County Committee, and that the Chairman is presently unavailable for interview. He stated that he had known the nominee casually for approximately five years and feels that he is ethically and morally above reproach. He said that he feels that the nomination is an exceptionally fine one but that he could furnish no further comments concerning ROCKEFELLER because of a lack of direct personal contact with him. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, MATTHEW J. TROY, Chairman, Queens County Democratic Committee, 72-50 Austin Street, Forest Hills, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he is a member of the City Council of the City of New York, and that he has known the nominee for 12 years on a personal and political basis. He stated that he knows of absolutely nothing of a derogatory nature in the nominee's background, and that he has always found that "his word is his bond." He said that he knows of nothing in the nominee's background that would cause embarrassment to the nominee or to the United States Government. He said that the nominee is an honest, intelligent, straightforward, capable individual, whose character, loyalty, associates, and reputation are above reproach. He stated that he would recommend the nominee without reservation.

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STANLEY HARWOOD, Nassau County Democratic Party Chairman, advised that he has had limited direct contact over the years with Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER. HARWOOD stated that while he was a member of the New York State Assembly he came into contact with ROCKEFELLER at official and social functions and attending the yearly receptions at ROCKEFELLER's mansion given by ROCKEFELLER for members of the Assembly.

HARWOOD stated that he had heard many vague unsubstantiated stories to the effect that ROCKEFELLER was a ladies man with people that worked in his office and on his various campaigns. HARWOOD stated that while attending a function at the Governor's mansion shortly after the second Mrs. ROCKEFELLER had given birth to a child, he observed the Governor sitting close to one of hisssecretaries and was struck by the fact that ROCKEFELLER kept holding the secretary's hand and rubbing her arm. He stated that Mrs. ROCKEFELLER, being fatigued from the recent birth, had greeted everyone as they arrived at the reception and then had retired. Mr. HARWOOD advised that he did not feel that it was proper for Mr. ROCKEFELLER to act as he did and HARWOOD stated that he felt that he had an obligation to make this information known at this time.

He commented that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER was a bad Governor and would be a bad Vice President. He declined to make any further comments.

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Mrs. HARRIET CORNELL, Democratic County Chairman, Rockland County, New York, advised SA THOMAS A. CONLON on August 22, 1974, that she has never met the nominee socially or politically. She said that she has often disagreed with the nominee in regard to political issues but she has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on him.

Mrs. CORNELL went on to say that she has been particularly concerned about the recent change of political leadership as all people are and feels that both President FORD and the nominee should be wholeheartedly supported during these trying times. She is of the opinion that they should be given a chance to bring the American people into a more stable and normal society.

As stated above, Mrs. CORNELL reiterated that although she does not know the nominee personally, she does not know of any reason not to recommend him for the position of Vice-President. She stated further, that she knows little of the nominee, but what little she does know of his character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, they are above reproach. She added that she would most highly recommend the nominee for the position as Vice-President of the United States.

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Mr. FRED W. STABBERT, Editor and Publisher, Sullivan County, Democrat, Vice-Chairman, Sullivan County Democratic Party, Callicoon, New York, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER had been a fine public servant and that he would recommend him for the appointment. b6 b7C

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Mr. FRANCIS A. HANOFEE, Sullivan County Clerk, Chairman of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee, White Sulphur Springs, New York, Democrat, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been a fair Governor, but was "much too liberal" in his thinking. He stated, however, he feels that former Governor ROCKEFELLER would be good for Sullivan County and for New York State in implementing Federal programs. He stated he would certainly recommend the former Governor for the position to which he has been nominated.

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On August 22, 1974, Mr. GEORGE CLARK, Chairman, Republican County Committee, Kings County, 16 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for approximately four years, and has known him on a close personal basis for the past two years. He stated that the nominee is a man of the highest character, principles, and morals; that he is an excellent administrator and Government official; that his record of accomplishment speaks for itself; and that he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on the nominee in any manner. He said that he is eminently qualified to fill the office of Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, RICHARD H. BOLTON, [redacted] Staten Island, New York, advised SA ALBERT FALLET that he is a member of the New York State Board of Standards and Appeals, and was County Chairman of the Richmond County Republican Committee from September, 1969 until June, 1973. He stated that he met the nominee on a number of occasions during that period and always found him to be a fine upstanding gentleman, of the highest character and integrity. He said that he is a dedicated loyal citizen; that he has proven his ability as a public official; and that he feels that his nomination as Vice President is an exceptionally fine one.

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On August 22, 1974, JOSEPH M. MARGIOTTA, Chairman, Nassau County Republican Committee and also Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature, 50 Clinton Street, Hempstead, New York, advised SA BERNARD J. FITZGERALD that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER, the former Governor of New York State, for over fourteen years. He stated that recently, the chairmen of the Republican Committees of New York State were asked for their recommendations concerning the position of Vice-President of the United States. MARGIOTTA highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for this position.

MARGIOTTA related that as an Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature in Albany, New York, he frequently agreed and also disagreed with the former Governor on legislative matters, however, he also found him to be openminded along with being a fair and honest public servant. He added that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an astute, articulate, and capable individual whom he considers to be one of the truly great Governors in the history of New York State.

MARGIOTTA knew of no derogatory information concerning the nominee's character, reputation, loyalty, morals or associates. He also stated that he was aware of no indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee and would recommend him highly for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

He concluded by saying the nominee, if confirmed, will make a fine Vice-President and will perform a great service for the United States and its citizens.

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On August 22, 1974, THOMAS PIERCE, Chairman, Nassau County Republican Committee for the Town of North Hempstead, New York, 50 Clinton Street, Hempstead, New York, advised SA BERNARD J. FITZGERALD he has met the nominee for Vice-President, NELSON ROCKEFELLER, on a few occasions during the past three years, mainly at functions relating to the Republican Party. Although he could not say he knew NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis, he would describe him as a "tremendous Governor" for the State of New York. Mr. PIERCE knew of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER's reputation, morals or associates.

Mr. PIERCE stated he would recommend the nominee for Vice-President of the United States and he believes he will be a great asset to President GERALD FORD and the American people.

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On August 22, 1974, GEORGE WHALEN, Chairman, Dutchess County Democratic Party, Dover Plains, New York, advised he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, and knows him only by reputation. He said that although he has not always agreed with the nominee's political decisions, he has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on his reputation or integrity. He feels that the nominee would make a fine Vice President and would recommend him for that position.

On August 22, 1974, JOHN SHARPE, Chairman, Columbia County Republican Party, Hudson, New York, advised he has known the nominee for 25 years and worked for him at Rockefeller Center in New York City in 1948. He has worked on various political campaigns for the nominee over the years and has always found him to be an honest, decent, candid human being of high moral character. He considers the nominee to be a dedicated public servant who has always had the interest of the country as a paramount consideration. He said he has never heard anything of a detrimental nature concerning the nominee, and he felt he would make an outstanding Vice President. He said he has met the ROCKEFELLER brothers and he considers them to possess the same outstanding qualities as the nominee.

On August 23, 1974, DAVID BRUEN, Chairman, Putnam County Democratic Party, Carmel, New York, advised he has met the nominee a number of times at political functions, and knows him only on a professional basis. He said his limited contacts with him have been pleasant, and he was impressed with the honesty, integrity and open-mindedness of the nominee. He said he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his character, loyalty or associations, and would recommend him for the position of Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, EDWARD SCHWENK, Republican County Leader, Suffolk County, Little Blue Point, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he thinks Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a "top-drawer choice" for the Vice Presidency. He believes his integrity is absolutely beyond question and his character and reputation are above reproach. He believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will add a new and worthwhile dimension to the Vice Presidency and noted that he has always heard only good things about him. He highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President.

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JOHN DOW, former United States Representative, Newburgh, New York, was contacted on August 23, 1974, by SA [redacted] and he advised that as a Republican-Conservative, he and the nominee have very different political views, however, Mr. DOW stated that he would enthusiastically endorse the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States. Mr. DOW stated that his relationship with the nominee has been strictly political but that he has developed tremendous respect for the knowledge and abilities of the nominee. Mr. DOW stated that in his opinion, the character, integrity and honesty of the nominee are above reproach.

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On August 22, 1974, MICHAEL J. GRANT, Suffolk County Legislator, Veterans Administration Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he holds NELSON ROCKEFELLER in the highest regard. He believes President FORD made a wonderful choice in making Mr. ROCKEFELLER his selection for Vice-President. He believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's integrity and character are beyond question and he highly recommended him for the position of Vice-President. He noted that he has never received any derogatory information regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and he believes that he will be a real asset to the United States Government.

On August 22, 1974, THOMAS DOWNEY, Suffolk County Legislator, 4 Udall Road, West Islip, New York, advised SA [redacted] he would not comment concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's competency for the position of the Vice-President of the United States. He stated he had no reason to question Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character or loyalty but from a personal view, he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER's assets could create problems in the position of Vice-President. He added that this is conjecture on his part and he is not in possession of facts which would substantiate this opinion. He advised that he was not in favor of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination to the Vice-Presidency but again, stipulated that this is his personal opinion.

On August 22, 1974, MARTIN FELDMAN, Suffolk County Legislator, 2017 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he did not want to comment on the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidency nor would he offer any comments regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, or reputation.

On August 22, 1974, JOHN V. KLEIN, Suffolk County Legislator, Suffolk County, New York, Suffolk County Executive Building, Hauppauge, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for at

least fifteen years. He believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER possesses all the necessary qualifications one could desire to be a fine Vice-President. He stated that he has no reservations regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, integrity, reputation or loyalty and noted that nothing of a derogatory nature has ever come to his attention regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He believes that ROCKEFELLER will be an asset to the United States Government and he highly recommended him for the Vice-Presidency of the United States.

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JOHN GRANT, Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature, New City, New York, and Vice-President of the Nanuet National Bank, Nanuet, New York, advised SA HUGH G. FORD on August 22, 1974, that he does not know the nominee personally and has only met him on one or two occasions at local community functions. He said that no information has ever come to his attention that would reflect unfavorably on the nominee's reputation, ability, character, loyalty or associates.

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Mr. J. STANLEY SHAW, Attorney and Chairman of the Liberal Party of Queens County, 770 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER on two occasions. He stated that he is not in favor of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidential post as ROCKEFELLER is reputed to be a "powerful money man" involved in "politically powerful money deals," to perpetuate himself in the political arena. He said that he doesn't want to see NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President because he is "a political being in himself who knows how to use political muscle."

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III. INTERVIEWS OF FORMER AND CURRENT NEW YORK STATE SENATORS

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On August 23, 1974, New York State, Senator WILLIAM J. GIORDANO, Democrat, was interviewed at his office located at 32 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, regarding the nominee.

GIORDANO stated that he considers the nominee to be of good moral character and said he has an excellent reputation among the legislators of New York State. He advised that the nominee is well qualified for the position of Vice-President, and is an extremely capable and resourceful individual.

GIORDANO concluded by stating that the nominee is of impecable character and he would highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice-President.

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On August 23, 1974, New York State Senator WILLIAM T. CONKLIN, Republican, 270 Broadway, New York, New York, was interviewed with regard to the nominee.

Mr. CONKLIN advised that he is acquainted with the nominee and considers his moral character, integrity and reputation to be above reproach.

CONKLIN further advised that he considers the nominee to be capable and well qualified for the position of Vice-President. He stated that he has never heard anything derogatory about the nominee and would highly recommend the nominee to be Vice-President.

New York State Senator A. FREDERICK MEYERSON, 50 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, and provided the following information. He has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for many years, not on a personal basis but through his official Senate duties. He described the nominee as a warm, personable and dedicated public official who has always worked hard and is undoubtedly consumed with the well-being of the United States. Senator MEYERSON indicated that, although his and Mr. ROCKEFELLER's philosophies have differed at times, he has to praise his middle-of-the-road political approach. He could recall no evidence of nominee's ever having indulged in discriminatory practices and feels that he is an exceptional choice for the high office of Vice President of the United States.

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New York State Senator MARTIN J. KNORR, 901 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, Queens, New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, and he provided the following information. He has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since the late 1920's when they were classmates at Dartmouth, and described him as bright and "a very capable gent." He stated that the nominee's integrity is unquestioned and that, although he "opposed many of his fiscal policies" during his term as Governor of New York, he is undoubtedly an excellent choice for Vice President.

New York State Supreme Court Justice EDWARD S. LENTOL, 60 Centre Street, New York, New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, and he provided the following information: He became acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER while he was a member of the New York State Senate and ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York. He advised that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee and that, although he "doesn't agree with his politics," he feels he is well qualified for the office of Vice President of the United States.

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JOHN D. CALANDRA, 1334 East Gunhill Road, Bronx, New York, furnished the following information on August 23, 1974:

He stated that he had been acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1958 when he worked for ROCKEFELLER in connection with his campaign for Governor that year. CALANDRA, who is the Bronx representative leader and who has been a State Senator since 1965, has also worked on every one of ROCKEFELLER's subsequent campaigns for Governor.

He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be of the finest moral character and said he possesses the ability to be Vice President of the United States and is qualified if need be to assume the Presidency. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER enjoys an excellent reputation among both Democrats and Republicans in the New York State Government. He knows of no organizations to which ROCKEFELLER belongs which employ discriminatory practices.

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Senator ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN, Attorney, Bernstein and Bernstein, 115 Broadway, New York City, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C

Senator BERNSTEIN advised that he has served in the New York State Senate since 1961. He represents the 33rd New York State District. Presently the Senate is in recess. Senator BERNSTEIN first met ROCKEFELLER in Albany in 1961 when ROCKEFELLER was New York State Governor and Senator BERNSTEIN commenced service in the Senate. Since that time, he has met with ROCKEFELLER personally on only about six occasions. Each occasion consumed only a short period of time. Senator BERNSTEIN is a Democrat. Their acquaintance has not been intimate. Therefore, most of what Senator BERNSTEIN knows about ROCKEFELLER is by reputation among other Government officials who are acquaintances of Senator BERNSTEIN. Senator BERNSTEIN stated that, generally, he knows of nothing derogatory in ROCKEFELLER's background.

ROCKEFELLER has a reputation as an able, aggressive administrator. He surrounds himself with extremely competent advisors. Senator BERNSTEIN characterized him as emotionally stable and even-tempered in his dealings with other Government officials.

Senator BERNSTEIN provided the following comments regarding ROCKEFELLER's character and morals:

He is honest and has a reputation for always living up to his commitments. Senator BERNSTEIN knows him to be extremely moderate in his use of alcohol. Senator BERNSTEIN has observed him at social functions being more attentive than average to attractive women; however, Senator BERNSTEIN has seen or heard nothing to indicate that his behavior with women has been in any way improper.

Senator BERNSTEIN knows of no organizations to which ROCKEFELLER belongs. He can suggest no other persons closely associated with ROCKEFELLER who might be able to provide background information of value other than probably New York State Government officials.

Senator BERNSTEIN concluded by stating that ROCKEFELLER would be an excellent Vice President of the United States and that he is the type who could restore public confidence in Government officials.

Senator RICHARD E. SCHERMERHORN, 40th Senatorial District, New York State, was contacted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, and advised that in his opinion, the nominee is without question, the best **choice for Vice President of the United States. Senator SCHERMERHORN stated** that he has known the nominee both on a personal and political basis for a number of years. The Senator and the nominee are both Republicans but have very different political views from a **philosophical standpoint, in that** the Senator is a Conservative and the nominee is a Liberal. Despite the **differences in their political views, the Senator** has tremendous respect for the nominee's ability as an administrator and leader. The Senator stated that the nominee's honesty and integrity are **above reproach and he** is certain that the nominee "has never taken a dishonest dollar in his life". He also stated that he knew many of the nominee's associates while he was Governor of New York **and their character and integrity are also above** reproach. The Senator stated that in his opinion the country needs to have **its faith restored in Government** and that the nominee is definitely the right man for this job. The Senator also stated that the nominee will be a very great asset to the President and the country.

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Senator JOHN D. CAEMMERER, 347 Hillside Avenue, Williston Park, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the first time at a political convention in 1958. He said he had a different political philosophy than Mr. ROCKEFELLER at that time and has, from time to time, differed with him on political issues, the most recent and notable being the abortion issue. He advised that as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, he came to know the nominee very well. He admires him greatly, and stated that in his opinion, he is the greatest Governor New York has had and will be an asset to the Federal Government. He said he is able, competent, fair and unbiased. He said that he is aware of no indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee that would possibly lead to embarrassment. He recommended him very highly.

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Senator JOHN R. DUNNE, 1461 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since he entered the New York State Senate nine years ago, and had also known him by reputation prior thereto. He said that he has worked with the nominee and also against him on various local issues and has a great admiration for his ability and judgement. He stated that the nominee knows the Government inside and outside and does all his work within that framework. He said he is a very astute politician and of high moral and ethical standards. He stated that the nominee is one about whom he has heard nothing derogatory concerning his character, associates, reputation, loyalty or morals. He said he is a man of impeccable credentials,"one of the greatest Governors we have had,"and recommended him very highly.

Above interview was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974.

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On August 22, 1974, Mr. CHESTER J. STRAUB, New York State Senator, 17th District, (Attorney - law firm - Wilkie, Farr and Gallagher), 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York City, advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER through the State Legislature of which STRAUB has been a member since 1967.

Mr. STRAUB advised he had met ROCKEFELLER and his wife socially on one occasion, and described nominee and his family as "very cordial" people.

Nominee was described by STRAUB as being one of the most trustworthy and reliable persons he has ever known. He stated his honesty is unquestioned.

Mr. STRAUB advised he has no personal knowledge concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's financial interests but feels that no conflict of interest would arise in connection with ROCKEFELLER's service as Vice President of the United States.

Mr. STRAUB considers the nominee to be an able individual and feels he has excellent qualifications to be Vice President.

He advised he is aware of no derogatory information concerning the nominee's activities, associates, or loyalty.

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On August 21, 1974, New York State Senator MURRAY SCHWARTZ, Democrat-Liberal, 245-20 Grand Central Parkway, Queens, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has had no significant contacts with the nominee during their legislative careers in Albany. He had no personal contacts with him and has no reason to question his character, loyalty or reputation. Never at any time has anything come to his attention that would indicate his choice as Vice President of the United States would be inadvisable.

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SAMUEL L. GREENBERG, retired Democratic New York State Senator, Rockland County, New York, residing at Delwood Country Club, New City, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, that he served in the New York State Legislature for thirty years until his retirement in 1972. Senator GREENBERG stated that he was politically acquainted with the nominee during the latter's tenure as Governor of New York State. He described the nominee as an individual of exceptional ability in the affairs of Government and recommended the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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Senator GREENBERG stated that the nominee's character, loyalty and associates are above reproach in every respect and he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee in either his personal life or politically.

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On August 22, 1974, BERNARD C. SMITH, New York State Senator, 167 Main Street, Northport, New York, advised SA WALTER E. DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately twelve years. He advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding individual whose loyalty, character and reputation are above reproach. He stated that he knows of nothing concerning ROCKEFELLER which might reflect unfavorably upon the office of the Vice-President, should he be confirmed. He stated that based on his association with ROCKEFELLER, he would highly recommend him.

On August 22, 1974, CAESAR PRUNZO, New York State Senator, 105 Washington Avenue, Brentwood, New York, advised SA DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for only about one year. He stated that he **does not know** him personally and therefore, **is** not in a position to comment concerning his character, reputation, **or** loyalty. He added, however, it **is** his personal view that ROCKEFELLER **is** an excellent administrator and **was an excellent Governor.**

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York:

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On August 22, 1974, Senator DONALD M. HALPERIN, an Attorney and a member of the New York Senate, was interviewed at his office at 1515 Sheepshead Road, at which time he advised that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, during the past four years. He stated that he was not closely associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER during this time, however, his reputation was always the highest, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER never said anything to cause him to doubt his integrity, honesty, or sincerity. He stated that he believes that ROCKEFELLER, politically, is extremely shrewd and he, as a Democrat, did not always agree with him politically. He added that he believes that ROCKEFELLER is a good choice for Vice President, however, he does feel that there were some better choices available.

On August 23, 1974, Mr. WALDABA H. STEWART, Senator, New York State Senate, 65 Rogers Avenue, advised that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1968, ever since he has been in political life. He stated that he and ROCKEFELLER often did not agree on many items, however, he feels that ROCKEFELLER is an extremely honest and sincere individual, enjoying an excellent reputation in this regard. He stated that he feels when ROCKEFELLER said he will get something done, he follows through with it, and also if he disagrees, he will immediately say so. Senator STEWART said that ROCKEFELLER is a good choice for Vice President.

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IV. INTERVIEWS OF FORMER AND CURRENT NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEN

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 22, 1974, CLARENCE D. LANE, Windham, New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, 102nd District, for 12 years, advised he has had several meetings with the nominee through his position in the Assembly, and considers him to be an outstanding administrator and a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. He considers him to be an outstanding choice for the Vice Presidency.

On August 23, 1974, H. CLARK BELL, Woodstock, New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, 101st District, advised he has had a close personal relationship with the nominee through his work in the Assembly and on numerous committees. He regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as one of the most outstanding Americans, a superior administrator, and a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. He most highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency.

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On August 22, 1974, ANTHONY J. MERCORELLA, former New York State Assemblyman, was contacted at his law office at 600 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, by Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C

MERCORELLA advised he has known the nominee, on a political level, since 1965, when MERCORELLA became an Assemblyman. MERCORELLA, who is a member of the Democratic Party, advised that he only met with the nominee on a few occasions, and that he would not consider this relationship close. MERCORELLA stated that the nominee was never insensitive to the needs of either the State Senators or Assemblymen; and that he was always available for consultation.

MERCORELLA described the nominee as a very charming individual, who during his tenure as Governor of the State of New York, performed his duties with the utmost responsibility. MERCORELLA further advised that he considers the nominee to be of fine character and a man of great integrity.

MERCORELLA advised that he does not know of any derogatory information regarding the nominee; however, he does believe that the nominee's family should divest itself of some of its capital along humanitarian avenues.

MERCORELLA, in concluding, stated that he believes that President FORD has made a fine choice for the Vice Presidency in the nominee.

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On August 21, 1974, New York State Assemblyman STANLEY FINK, 2249 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA HARRINGTON that he knows former Governor ROCKEFELLER only on a professional basis and has no social contact with him, other than the attendance at the Governor's Ball. In legislative matters, he was frequently at odds with the former Governor, but pointed out that this was due to a difference in political philosophy. He stated that he would do nothing to denigrate Mr. ROCKEFELLER's integrity and he believes that his character, reputation and loyalty are umblemished. He stated that he would never doubt his sincerity and knows of nothing that would adversely affect the nominee's chance as choice for Vice-President of the United States.

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Mr. GEORGE J. FARRELL, Jr., Carnation Avenue, Floral Park, New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he served in the New York State Legislature during the past eight years and worked closely with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on many legislative matters. b6 b7C

He advised that he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an elected official and an American citizen. He is not aware of anything in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal or public life which would militate against his nomination and service as Vice-President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman JOHN G. LOPRESTO, 87-18 30th Avenue, Jackson Heights, New York, was contacted and advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER through the New York State Legislature, of which he has been a member for the past four years.

LOPRESTO described the nominee as an extremely reliable person. Mr. LOPRESTO stated the nominee is a very dedicated and trustworthy person who puts the interests of the people above his own personal interests. He described the nominee's reputation as "outstanding".

Mr. LOPRESTO advised he could see no conflicts of interest in Mr. ROCKEFELLER serving as Vice President, except possibly through his personal assets, with which Mr. LOPRESTO stated he is not familiar.

Mr. LOPRESTO stated he feels that the nominee is most qualified to serve as Vice President or President because of his proven ability as New York Governor.

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On August 22, 1974, FREDERICK D. SCHMIDT, 85-14 86th Street, Woodhaven, Queens, New York, New York, was contacted and advised that he was a New York State Assemblyman from 1965 until 1972. He stated that during his term of office NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was the Governor of New York and that he knew ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis. SCHMIDT stated that the nominee to the best of his knowledge was a loyal, honest and trustworthy individual. He further described ROCKEFELLER as a "warm and personable individual who went out of his way to help people". SCHMIDT stated that he considered ROCKEFELLER an outstanding individual with all the credentials necessary to hold the office of the Vice President of the United States. He further advised that he was not aware of any unpatriotic or discriminatory organizations the nominee may have been or is presently associated with.

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On August 22, 1974, contact was made with MARTIN RODELL, former New York State Assemblyman, for the 24th District. RODELL advised that he served in the New York State Assembly for approximately seven years during the time NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was the Governor of New York. He stated that approximately three years ago he was elected a Judge in Civil Court and since that time has not served in the Assembly.

RODELL stated that during his tenure as an Assemblyman he knew the nominee on a professional basis. RODELL described ROCKEFELLER as an honest and trustworthy individual. He advised that ROCKEFELLER, while Governor of New York, acted in the best interests of all the people, and that it was a pleasure to serve with him. RODELL described ROCKEFELLER's retirement as Governor as a "great loss to New York, but apparently a gain to all the people of the United States".

RODELL described the nominee as a loyal American. He said he is not aware of any unpatriotic or discriminatory organizations the nominee may have been associated with. He stated he considers ROCKEFELLER an excellent choice for Vice President of the United States.

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ALAN HOCHBERG, New York State Assemblyman, 81st Assembly District, Bronx, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by Special Agents [redacted] and ROBERT E. BRODERICK. b6 b7C

Mr. HOCHBERG advised that he has been a Democratic Assemblyman since 1970, and has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since that time. He has the utmost regard for the nominee's integrity and ability. He described the nominee as a deft politician and a person who has a charming and warm personality. He further described the nominee as a persuasive individual who can put pressure on politically.

Mr. HOCHBERG stated that the choice of ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President was an excellent one. He feels that the nominee is well qualified to hold that position and would also be most qualified to be President. He felt that the nominee will do a good job.

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On August 23, 1974, the Honorable LOUIS NINE, Assemblyman, 79th Assembly District, New York State Assembly, was interviewed by Special Agents ROBERT E. BRODERICK and [redacted] b6 b7C

Mr. NINE stated that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for more than four years through his association with him in the Legislature and had met with him monthly concerning minority groups matters.

Mr. NINE considers the nominee to be a man of excellent moral character and knows of nothing derogatory concerning him. He also feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is most qualified to assume the high office of Vice President of the United States.

Mr. NINE said that, despite Mr. ROCKEFELLER's great wealth, he is able to relate to the poor man's wants and needs and never hesitates to heed requests for legislation which would improve conditions of minority groups.

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On August 22, 1974, JOHN J. FLANNAGAN, New York State Assemblyman, [redacted], New York, advised SA [redacted] that he served in the New York State Assembly for one year during the period NELSON ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York. He advised he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach and noted he has never heard any derogatory information concerning him. He believes that all of the politicians, both Democratic and Republican in Albany, think highly of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and stated that all of these individuals have always claimed that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's word is his bond. He highly recommended him for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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PETER G. MIRTO, Democratic Assemblyman from the 59th District, Brooklyn, New York (NY), whose business office is located at 66 Cross Street, Brooklyn, NY, telephone number (212) 452-1003, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally for approximately six years. MIRTO further advised that he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, integrity, and general good judgement, although he does not always agree with him on various political issues. MIRTO said that his honesty and trustworthiness are beyond reproach.

MIRTO stated that he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature that would reflect in any way on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States (US). MIRTO said he has known the nominee as a dedicated American and a devoted public servant.

MIRTO said there is no question in his mind that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and qualifications to be an excellent Vice President, as well as President. MIRTO stated that in his opinion there will be no conflict between Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal interests and his duties as Vice President.

MIRTO stated that he knows of no derogatory information that would bar Mr. ROCKEFELLER from any position of trust with the Government, including that of Vice President or President of the US. MIRTO further advised it has been his impression over the past six years that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's contemporaries have enjoyed the deepest respect for him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York (NY), on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

MELVIN MILLER, Democratic Assemblyman from the 44th District, Brooklyn, NY, whose business office is located at 301 Rugby Road, Brooklyn, NY, telephone number (212) 287-0242, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for approximately four years. Mr. MILLER further advised that to the best of his knowledge ROCKEFELLER is of good character and reputation and he further considers him a man of his word, as well as being extremely reliable.

MILLER further stated that to his knowledge there is no question of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and devotion to the United States (US). He further advised that he has never known the nominee to be a member of any organization that has discriminatory practices.

MILLER said there is no question in his mind that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and qualifications to be a good Vice President of the US, as well as President. MILLER stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's statesmanship is unquestioned. He further advised that in his opinion there will be no conflict of interest between ROCKEFELLER's personal financial assets and his duties as Vice President.

MILLER further stated he knows of no derogatory information that would bar Mr. ROCKEFELLER from any position of trust with the Government, including that of the Vice President of the US. MILLER stated that the nominee enjoyed the deepest respect from all his peers while serving as Governor of the State of New York.

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GEORGE A. CINCOTTA, Democratic Assemblyman from the 43rd District, Brooklyn, New York, whose business office is located at 420 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number (212) 875-7355, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally since 1954. CINCOTTA further advised that he believes ROCKEFELLER to be of impeccable character, reputation and integrity, and he further considers him a man of reliability and discretion.

CINCOTTA further stated that to the best of his knowledge, there is no question of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and devotion to the United States. He further advised that he has never known the nominee to be a member of any organization that has discriminatory practices.

CINCOTTA further advised that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and qualifications to be a good Vice-President and President if he should be suddenly called upon for that job. CINCOTTA further advised that he believes the nominee is a decent person and does not let his personal assets or interests influence his political and public policy.

CINCOTTA stated in conclusion that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature that would bar Mr. ROCKEFELLER from any position of trust with the Government. He further stated that the nominee has enjoyed the deepest respect from his political peers since he has known him.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York, on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

VITO P. BATTISTA, Republican Assemblyman from the 38th District, Brooklyn, New York, whose business office is located at 3156 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number (212) TA 7-6400, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and professionally since 1958. BATTISTA advised that to the best of his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER is of good character and reputation and he further considers him a man of his word, as well as an extremely reliable person.

BATTISTA further stated that to his knowledge, there is no question as to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty and devotion to the United States. He further advised that he has never known the nominee to be a member of any organization that has discriminatory practices.

Assemblyman BATTISTA further said there is no question in his mind that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability and the qualifications to be a good Vice President, as well as President. BATTISTA advised he feels that if the nominee could successfully manage one of the largest states in the country, he could certainly handle the Vice President's position. BATTISTA further stated that in his opinion there will be no conflict between ROCKEFELLER and his family's interests and his duties as Vice President. BATTISTA stated that in the past, MR. ROCKEFELLER has made decisions prudently and in his mind not based on his personal financial assets or interests.

Mr. BATTISTA concluded by saying that he knows of no derogatory information pertaining to the nominee or his family, and he further stated that in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is above reproach and a very capable person who is well qualified to be Vice President of the United States.

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On August 23, 1974, Assemblyman EMEEL BETROS, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1968, when he, BETROS, was first elected to the Legislature. He said that he has not always agreed with the political philosophy of the nominee, but has always found him to be open and honest in his dealings with the Legislature. He added that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning nominee's character, loyalty, or associations, and he said he feels ROCKEFELLER is capable of becoming an excellent Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, New York State Senator JAY P. ROLISON, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised he has known the nominee for about 12 years, and has worked with him as a member of the State Legislature. He stated the nominee has always been an open, honest, candid individual, with a high standard of ethical and moral conduct. He has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee, and has always considered him to be a 100 percent loyal American with a reputation that is highly regarded and respected throughout the country. He stated he would recommend him highly for the position of Vice President.

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Assemblyman LAWRENCE HERBST, Republican-Conservative, representing the 97th Assembly District, New York State, was contacted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, and he advised that the honesty and integrity of the nominee are above reproach. Mr. HERBST stated that he has known the nominee for a number of years but only in a political sense. Mr. HERBST stated that the nominee is "his own man" and had always been a very active participant and an extremely knowledgeable one in the affairs of New York State while he was Governor here. Mr. HERBST believes that the nominee is a very honest man and is the most respected man in politics today.

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On August 22, 1974, JOHN T. FLACK, 78-14 64th Place, Glendale, New York, was contacted and advised that he is a New York State Assemblyman for the 33rd District, and that he has served in that capacity for approximately six years.

He advised that he knew NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis during ROCKEFELLER's tenure as Governor of New York. FLACK described ROCKEFELLER as an extremely honest and trustworthy individual. He stated that the nominee's loyalty and allegiance to the United States are above reproach. FLACK advised to the best of his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER has never associated with any organization which has discriminatory or disloyal practices. He stated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding administrator and that he is well qualified to serve as Vice President of the United States.

JOSEPH N. REILLY, New York State Assembly, [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he has known the nominee since he, Mr. REILLY, entered the Assembly nine years ago. He said he has opposed him on several issues, the most recent of which was the building of the Oyster Bay Bridge, but he has always found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a very capable, astute, and intelligent individual with excellent credentials. He stated his disagreements were all of a legislative nature and said some people in his District would probably be opposed to him to be the Vice President because of the adamant stand the nominee took in the building of the bridge. He said ROCKEFELLER had been an excellent Governor, and stated his character and reputation are above reproach. He knows nothing derogatory concerning his morals and associates, and advised he would recommend him highly.

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On August 21, 1974, New York State Assemblyman JOHN T. GALLAGHER [redacted] New York, Republican-Conservative, advised SA HARRINGTON that he knows former Governor ROCKEFELLER only in his capacity as New York State Legislator. He stated that they had differences of opinion regarding legislation but never, at any time, did he question the character or loyalty of the State Chief Executive. He feels that ROCKEFELLER has led an exemplary life, is fair, and a fine person, and would make a fine Vice President. At no time has anything come to his attention which bears adversely on the reputation of the former Governor.

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On August 22, 1974, LEONARD T. STAVISKY, New York State Assemblyman, [redacted] Queens, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he knows former Governor ROCKEFELLER through his, Mr. STAVISKY's, capacity in the Assembly. He stated he has had no social contacts with Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated he considers him to be an experienced individual whose integrity is unquestionable. He stated that to his knowledge Governor ROCKEFELLER is a loyal and reputable individual and he knows of no adverse information concerning his personal or professional life.

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On August 22, 1974, Mr. MILTON JONAS, [redacted] New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, advised SA [redacted] that in connection with his legislative duties, he has had numerous occasions to confer with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on legislative matters and has become personally acquainted with him. He stated that he has always found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a man of his word, intelligent, honest and trustworthy in every respect and an individual with an unblemished record. He highly endorses the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President.

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Mr. PHILIP B. HEALY, [redacted] b6 b7C
New York, member of the New York State Assembly, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for several years in connection with his legislative duties in the New York State Assembly and has been a guest in the ROCKEFELLER home. He stated he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man of impeccable personal credentials. He described him as capable, competent, and possessed of moral courage. He has never known him to be guilty of duplicity or unbecoming conduct and stated he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER without reservation to the office to which he has been nominated.

On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman ALFRED A. DELLI BOVI, Republican, [redacted] Queens, New York, advised that he has been a New York State Legislator for three years and his association with former Governor ROCKEFELLER has been limited to legislative matters. He described the nominee as a "pro forma" politician who did not mix socially with any other members of the Legislature. He stated that to his knowledge, the former Governor has always acted in good conscience and he considers him a reputable and loyal American, and he knows of no reason not to recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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Mr. EUGENE LEVY, New York State Assemblyman, Rockland County, New York, [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] that he had limited personal contact with the nominee while the latter was Governor of New York State. He stated that this contact was limited to matters pertaining to legislative duties. He described the nominee as an individual of impeccable character and integrity whose reputation is beyond reproach. Mr. LEVY knows of no derogatory information whatsoever regarding the nominee and recommended him for a position with the United States Government without reservation.

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On August 22, 1974, ROBERT C. WERTZ, New York State Assemblyman, [redacted] Long Island, New York, advised SA WALTER E. DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately four years and considers him to be a loyal American. He stated that he considers him to be an extremely competent individual and an excellent choice for the Vice-Presidency. He stated that he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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On August 22, 1974, PRESCOTT B. HUNTINGTON, Long Beach Road, St. James, New York, advised SA WALTER E. DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately thirty years. He advised that he met ROCKEFELLER through his wife who was a roommate of ROCKEFELLER's first wife. He stated that after ROCKEFELLER became Governor of the State of New York, his association with him became much closer since he, HUNTINGTON, was a member of the New York State Assembly. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal, trustworthy individual and is not aware of anything derogatory concerning him. He stated that he is a great admirer of ROCKEFELLER and feels he is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President. He stated that he would certainly recommend ROCKEFELLER for this position.

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On August 22, 1971, DOMINICK L. DI CARLO, 66 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, a member of the 1971 New York State Assembly, advised SA [redacted] of the following: b6 b7C

The nominee is a man of excellent character and morals. Nothing has come to DI CARLO's attention which could be considered derogatory concerning him.

DI CARLO spent ten years in the New York State Assembly and although he differed with the nominee on certain issues, he considers the nominee to be an excellent leader of outstanding ability.

He said the nominee enjoys an excellent reputation. DI CARLO noted in this regard that Governor Rockefeller and his first wife experienced marital problems, which resulted in their divorce. He advised he possesses no further information concerning this matter.

According to DI CARLO, the nominee would make an excellent Vice President, as he has the ability for that particular office.

DI CARLO noted he does not know of any particular organizations to which the nominee may have belonged.

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On August 22, 1971, STEPHEN J. SOLARZ, 241 Dover Street, Brooklyn, New York, a member of the 1971 New York State Assembly, advised SA [redacted] of the following: b6 b7C

SOLARZ described the nominee as a very able public official. He said the nominee has a reputation for honesty and there is no question in regard to his probity. He advised he is of the opinion that during the last several years the nominee has become a "cynical politician" and said he would not be his choice for the Vice Presidency. He said this is based entirely on the fact that he, SOLARZ, is a Democrat and it is a question of politics. However, SOLARZ stated there is no question that the nominee has the capacity and ability to do a good job as Vice President. SOLARZ stated he had no knowledge as to organizations to which the nominee may belong.

SOLARZ noted that in his six years in the New York Legislature, he had only seen the nominee briefly in one private meeting, but had seen him at several ceremonial meetings.

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On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman GUY BREWER, 107-35 170th Street, Jamaica, New York, Democrat, advised Special Agent (SA) BERNARD G. HARRINGTON that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for about six years professionally as a result of his being a New York State legislator. He stated that he is a member of the "Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus," and that Governor ROCKEFELLER was always very gracious and accepted comments and suggestions from him in a pleasant manner.

He stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER was inclined to take shortcuts in obtaining legislation, and would attempt to circumvent the rules. He stated the rules required that legislation be given to the individual legislators three days prior to a vote in order that they might properly study them. To circumvent this, the Governor would send a "message of necessity" requiring immediate handling.

He also stated that he had objected to the manner in which the Governor presented his budget, since Mr. ROCKEFELLER gave it in bulk form rather than by specific items.

Assemblyman BREWER stated that he has no reason to question the sincerity of Governor ROCKEFELLER, nor does he know of any proposed legislation which the Governor presented which was not in the public interest.

Assemblyman BREWER stated that he has no reason to question the personal integrity, morals, character, or loyalty of the Governor, and he knows of nothing which should preclude his confirmation as Vice President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman ARTHUR J. COOPERMAN, Democrat - Liberal, [redacted] New York, advised SA HARRINGTON that he has had no social contact with former Governor ROCKEFELLER other than at the Governor's Ball and also, on one occasion, when he and his family were photographed with the Governor. b6 b7C

Assemblyman COOPERMAN stated that he always regarded the nominee as a man of integrity and one whose character and loyalty he had no reason to question. He stated that any differences he had with Governor ROCKEFELLER were on purely legislative grounds.

V. INTERVIEWS WITH LABOR LEADERS

LOUIS STULBERG, President, International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU), 1710 Broadway, New York, advised he is acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and believes him to be a decent individual. His integrity, reputation, and loyalty to the country are beyond reproach. He recommended the nominee highly. STULBERG is aware of no information that would disqualify the nominee for the position of Vice President.

WILBUR DANIELS, Executive Vice President, ILGWU, 1710 Broadway, New York, advised the nominee is an individual with impeccable credentials. The nominee is a loyal American, honest and reputable, and an individual suited for the task of Vice President of the United States. He is unaware of any derogatory information concerning him.

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The following labor leaders and individuals involved in labor in the Greater New York area were interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

JIM DOOLEY, Deputy Director, Builders and Construction Industry, Board of Urban Affairs, 261 Madison Avenue, stated that he was acquainted with the nominee by reputation only and recalled being introduced to him on one occasion. DOOLEY advised that the ROCKEFELLER nomination was a wise choice. DOOLEY feels that the nominee did a good job as Governor of New York and that his nomination is good for labor. He is not aware of any organizational membership on ROCKEFELLER's part. DOOLEY stated he had no information concerning ROCKEFELLER which could be considered derogatory.

[redacted] Business manager, Metal Lathers Union, Local 46, 1322 Third Avenue, advised that he has personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER and had been acquainted with him for the fifteen years that ROCKEFELLER served as Governor of New York. [redacted] said that he has served as [redacted] member, New York State Federation of Labor and as [redacted] member of the New York City Building Trades Council. [redacted] advised that he was very happy with the annoucement that ROCKEFELLER had been nominated for Vice President. [redacted] added that he would gladly support ROCKEFELLER if he were a Presidential candidate. He said that labor has been pleased with ROCKEFELLER's performance as Governor of New York. He said that President FORD

could not have picked a "better helper" or "better man."

[redacted] is not aware of any organization that ROCKEFELLER currently belongs to or may have belonged to in the past. He stated that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER or his associates. b6 b7C

JOHN KELLEY, Trustee, Hotel, Hospital, and Nursing Home Employees Union, Local 144, 233 West 49th Street, stated that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but had met him on occasion at labor affairs in New York. KELLEY said he personally does not share ROCKEFELLER'S political views but feels his appointment was very good and expects the labor movement will give its support to ROCKEFELLER. KELLEY stated that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER is a man of ability and should prove to be a good combination with President FORD.

KELLEY advised he has no knowledge of any organizations with which ROCKEFELLER may be or may have been affiliated, and has no derogatory information in his possession which may discredit ROCKEFELLER in any way.

[redacted], Field Representative, American Federation of Labor (AFL) - Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), 211 East 43rd Street, advised that he had previously worked for the nominee after being appointed by ROCKEFELLER as a member of the State Board of Social Services. He served from [redacted] This Board dealt with welfare rules and regulations and consisted of fifteen members. [redacted] said that the Board conferred with ROCKEFELLER on three or four different occasions during the time he was a member.

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[redacted] advised that if the nominee continues to be "liberal" as in the past, he will be an asset to the United States. [redacted] said that ROCKEFELLER'S ability is above question. In meetings in which [redacted] participated, he said, ROCKEFELLER dealt directly and realistically with issues before him and actively sought solutions to the problems that were presented by the Board. [redacted] found the nominee to be very conscientious and observant of the Board's suggestions. [redacted] further stated that ROCKEFELLER dealt closely with the labor movement and was well received by it. He feels that ROCKEFELLER created an alliance between the labor movement and the State House in Albany, New York. He concluded his remarks by saying that ROCKEFELLER had always made himself personally available to the Board and was always accessible when problems arose. [redacted] felt the President ought to be congratulated for choosing ROCKEFELLER as his Vice President. [redacted] knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER or his associates.

LORDEN JOHN, Assistant Director, Region Number Seven, AFL-CIO, 211 East 43rd Street, advised that he knows ROCKEFELLER by reputation only. JOHN stated all information he has received concerning the nominee is good. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a man of outstanding abilities and an individual who has been "liberal" with labor in New York State. He said that labor would consider ROCKEFELLER a friend and he feels ROCKEFELLER's nomination will be good for the country. JOHN remarked that he has no knowledge of any organizations which ROCKEFELLER belongs to and possesses no derogatory information concerning him.

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THOMAS CLARKSON, President of the Iron Workers District Council of Greater New York, 265 West 14th Street, advised that he personally worked for ROCKEFELLER in the past by serving on the Construction Planning Committee for New York State approximately four or five years ago. That committee consisted of fifteen members and CLARKSON characterized his relationship with ROCKEFELLER as a business acquaintance. CLARKSON said that ROCKEFELLER's nomination was very good because he feels that ROCKEFELLER is a very capable individual. He said that the nominee is aware of what is going on in labor and he added that ROCKEFELLER has excellent executive abilities. He further described the nominee as a "doer." CLARKSON continued that ROCKEFELLER has unifying abilities which help create a necessary rapport between labor and government. CLARKSON said that the labor movement in New York is excited about the ROCKEFELLER nomination and he pointed out that ROCKEFELLER is one of the few Republicans who would be so accorded in New York State.

CLARKSON knows of no organization in which ROCKEFELLER holds membership. CLARKSON stated that he possesses no derogatory information concerning him.

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At New York City, New York

The following interview was conducted on August 23, 1974, by Special Agent [redacted]

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Mr. RAYMOND CORBETT, President, New York State American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), 30 East 29 Street, advised that he is personally acquainted with the nominee and has worked closely with him since Mr. ROCKEFELLER became Governor in 1959. Mr. CORBETT had occasion to meet with the nominee several times annually. Mr. CORBETT handled the labor movement's legislative interests in New York State and discussed areas of the New York State economy, unemployment and urban development with the nominee.

Mr. CORBETT said that he had made a news release supporting Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency prior to his nomination. Mr. CORBETT described the nominee as "tops in the nation" as an executive who would be most qualified to become Vice President. He said that Mr. ROCKEFELLER gained this respect by his ability to lead New York State.

Regarding his personal meetings with the nominee, Mr. CORBETT found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a man of his word on each and every business occasion. He described the nominee's reliability as "unimpeachable."

From the standpoint of labor, the nominee was the first Republican in the history of New York State to receive labor's unqualified support according to Mr. CORBETT.

Mr. CORBETT stated that he has no question concerning ROCKEFELLER'S associates and advised he is in possession of no information of an unfavorable nature concerning him.

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[redacted] Business Manager, Local 363, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO), 60 Phillips Road, New City, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SA THOMAS A. CONLON. He advised that he has known the nominee for approximately fifteen years, both politically and socially. He said that the nominee is one of the finest individuals he has ever had the pleasure of knowing. In his opinion, President FORD could not possibly have made a better selection for this position. In addition, he advised that the nominee has, at all times, in his political career, attempted to be extremely fair to both sides of the political scene, [redacted] said the nominee's character, loyalty, reputation, and associates are above reproach, and stated his ability to serve as Vice President is well known.

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[redacted] stated he is a registered Democrat, but that he would, without question, most highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, ROBERT ANDERSON, Director of Safety, Building Trades Employers Association, 711 Third Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he is not personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER; however, he regards him as a very good choice for Vice-President of the United States (US). He believes ROCKEFELLER to be a very loyal American, honest, and of high moral character. He also feels that ROCKEFELLER is very fair to the laboring man and that he has produced good programs in NY for labor. Mr. ANDERSON stated that nothing unfavorable has ever come to his attention regarding ROCKEFELLER, and he would recommend him for the position of Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, FRED W. MUNDER, former President, Building Trades Employers Association, President, A. Munder and Son, [redacted] NY, advised SA [redacted] that he has been professionally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER through their mutual interest in the management - labor relations field. He regards ROCKEFELLER as a very pro-American person, with impeccable character, integrity and reputation. ROCKEFELLER has been very fair in his dealings in the labor - management field, and is highly regarded by everyone who is concerned with these matters. MUNDER indicated that nothing unfavorable has ever come to his attention regarding ROCKEFELLER, and he would highly recommend him for the office of Vice-President.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Business Manager, Glaziers Local Union 1087, 670 Sixth Avenue, NY, NY, advised SA [redacted] that he has been professionally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER through his, [redacted] position as a member of [redacted] the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York. [redacted] stated that he regards the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice-President of the US as an excellent one, which he feels will be good for the country. Upon learning of the appointment, he personally, with his union's concurrence, sent a telegram of congratulations to Washington. [redacted] also advised that he regards ROCKEFELLER to be a very loyal American, and a man of the highest character, integrity, and reputation. He highly recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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On August 23, 1974, JOHN T. BURNELL, Director, Office of Labor Relations, Office of the Mayor, City of New York, 250 Broadway, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has been professionally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for many years in the field of labor relations. He stated that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a person of excellent character, integrity, reputation and loyalty. He further stated that he regards the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President of the United States to be an excellent one in view of his outstanding background and experience in government. Mr. BURNELL advised that he would most highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Office of Vice-President of the United States.

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JAMES HART, Secretary-Treasurer, Plumbers Local Number One, 23 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA THOMAS BEECH on August 22, 1974, HART advised that his union had sent a telegram to The White House congratulating the President on the appointment of the nominee. He stated that it is his personal feeling that this was a very excellent choice and that he feels ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President of the United States. He further advised that ROCKEFELLER, as Governor of the State of New York, had done a very good job, especially for the working people of the state. He stated that everything he knows regarding ROCKEFELLER's moral character, abilities, and reputation is of the highest. He stated that he has never heard of any derogatory information concerning the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, CONRAD F. OLSEN, President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, 204 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, was interviewed by SA BEECH. OLSEN stated that his organization had sent a congratulatory letter to the President of the United States praising the appointment of ROCKEFELLER. OLSEN further advised that he personally considers ROCKEFELLER to be a good American citizen as well as a person of good moral character and outstanding ability as a politician. He stated he enjoys an excellent reputation throughout the entire labor industry in the New York City area. He stated that ROCKEFELLER would be an outstanding Vice President of the United States. He further advised that he has never heard any allegations linking ROCKEFELLER to anything of a derogatory nature.

On August 22, 1974, JACK GELMAN, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, 204 East

23rd Street, New York, was interviewed by SA BEECH. GELMAN stated that the nominee is a person of excellent reputation and character, and a citizen of the United States who enjoys a fine [redacted] reputation among the working people of the State of New York. He further advised that when ROCKEFELLER was Governor he was considered to be an excellent administrator and was one of the finest Governors in the history of the State of New York. He further stated that he would undoubtedly be an excellent Vice President. He stated that he has never heard any derogatory information concerning the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Business Manager of Roofer's Local Number Eight, 467 Dean Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA BEECH. [redacted] advised that he, on behalf of his union, sent a telegram to the President of the United States, outlining his feelings concerning ROCKEFELLER, whom he described as the greatest person in the world. He stated that his choice for the Vice Presidency was an excellent one made by the President and that ROCKEFELLER in the past has been a good representative for all the people, including the working people connected with the unions in New York State. He stated he has met the former Governor on various occasions at public affairs and he is quite certain that the nominee would be an excellent Vice President of the United States. He stated that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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On August 22, 1974, EARNEST GREEN, Executive Director, Recruitment and Training Program, Incorporated, 162 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which is a private, non-profit organization, was interviewed by SA BEECH. GREEN has advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER

on several occasions at public affairs and always thought that he had done an admirable job in running New York State as its Governor. He further advised that ROCKEFELLER is well thought of by the entire labor industry and that President FORD, in naming ROCKEFELLER, made an excellent choice. GREEN stated that to the best of his knowledge he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER and considered him to be a man of high moral character, of great ability, and a person who enjoyed an excellent reputation.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C Administrative Assistant, New York City, Federal Labor Council, 356 Park Avenue, New York City, was interviewed by SA BEECH. [redacted] advised that a telegram has been forwarded to ROCKEFELLER on behalf of the union, congratulating him on his appointment. [redacted] further stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions in the past and considers him to be a man of fine moral character and outstanding ability, who is an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency. He further advised that ROCKEFELLER is generally regarded in labor circles in New York State as a good friend of the working people and a very capable administrator. [redacted] stated that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN LOWRY, JR., President, Building Contractors and Mason Builders Association, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he is of the opinion that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice-President of the United States. Mr. LOWRY stated he had known the nominee for several years, and had an outstanding relationship with him. Mr. LOWRY stated the nominee's character is above reproach, and his associates are all outstanding individuals. Mr. LOWRY further stated that the nominee's honesty is above reproach.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

AL SIMONS, President, Iron Workers Union, Local 367, [redacted] New York, advised that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was an extremely fine choice as Vice President Designate. Mr. SIMONS stated he had met the nominee only a couple of times, but that, to the best of his knowledge, he is of fine moral character. He described the nominee as a man whose associates are above reproach, and whose honesty is unquestioned. Mr. SIMONS concluded by stating that he could think of no better candidate for this position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ARBID ANDERSON, former President and Business Manager, Dock and Piers Carpenters Union, Local 1456, 111 East 22nd Street, New York City, advised that he considers NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER to be a very capable and honest man. Mr. ANDERSON recommended the nominee as to character, associates, and loyalty to the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

LOUIS LEVINE, Commissioner, New York State Department of Labor, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, stated he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since 1966. During that time LEVINE indicated he has come to know the nominee as an extremely knowledgeable and competent individual. Mr. LEVINE indicated that the nominee's relationships with labor were excellent, and that he is of fine moral character and a loyal American. Mr. LEVINE concluded by highly recommending the nominee for the position in question.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

BETTY HUDSON, Executive Secretary, New York Building Congress, 101 Park Avenue, New York, New York, stated she has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER for 15 years. Mrs. HUDSON advised the nominee was an outstanding choice for the Vice-Presidency of the United States inasmuch as his relations with labor have been first-rate, and his character and loyalty are above reproach. In addition, Mrs. HUDSON indicated the nominee's associates are upstanding citizens who all know him to be an honest man. Mrs. HUDSON concluded by recommending the nominee for the position in question.

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VI. INTERVIEWS OF ATTORNEYS

(LAWYERS - NEW YORK CITY AREA)

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] New York City, New York:

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On August 21, 1974, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] advised that he has known Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally and on a political basis for over 20 years. He considers him the most competent man in modern New York State politics. This man's honesty, reliability, compassion and purpose are above question. He has always been a dedicated public servant in his numerous Federal and local positions. He highly recommends this man for the position as Vice President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C

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advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal and political basis for over 15 years. He considers this man deserving of the highest recommendation that could be

given to a man presently in American politics; that this man's administrative and legislative ability has no limits. He has found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a very patriotic leader, and it is an honor and a privilege to recommend him for the high position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] Manhattan, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER on a political basis for over ten years. His main contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER has been at social events held by numerous Jewish political and non-political organizations in the New York City area. [redacted] advised that he, [redacted] has been a leader in Jewish organizations for over the last 15 years. He knows nothing derogatory about Governor ROCKEFELLER or his family. He considers Governor ROCKEFELLER an extremely competent and patriotic politician who will nobly fulfill the position of Vice President of the United States. He highly recommends him for this position.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] advised that it is an honor to recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. His contacts with Mr. ROCKEFELLER have been limited to the New York State Mediation Board, but through these numerous contacts he has judged Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be intelligent, fair, hardworking and foresighted. [redacted] believes this is best shown through Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appointments to the New York State Mediation Board. He could think of no other man who better deserves the position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] advised that he had numerous contacts

with Governor ROCKEFELLER during his term [redacted] From these contacts, he considers Governor ROCKEFELLER as a man interested in better Government through the welfare and betterment of the citizens of such Government. He considers Governor Governor ROCKEFELLER a leader in American politics and a man who would do an excellent job in the high office of Vice President of the United States. He highly recommends Governor ROCKEFELLER for this position.

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On August 23, 1974, [redacted] advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a professional and personal basis for over 15 years. He considers him a very keen and concerned politician. He considers him an outstanding administrator and a hardworking public servant. [redacted] advised that he possesses no information derogatory to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal or political performance. He gives the nominee his highest recommendation for the difficult position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] advised that for the last 20 - 25 years he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER. Their relationship has been social, political and professional. He considers this very patriotic American politician as a man who has always upheld our Constitution. In [redacted] opinion, NELSON ROCKEFELLER is the most qualified man in the last 30 years for the position of Vice President of the United States. He knows no personal or political faults which would interfere with Mr. ROCKEFELLER's successful service as Vice President. He highly recommends Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President, and he is positive that the nominee, in his position as Vice President, will do everything for the benefit of the nation.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that it is an honor to recommend Governor ROCKEFELLER for position of Vice President of the United States. He advised that his main contacts with Governor ROCKEFELLER were through the State Banking Department, and through these contacts he found the Governor to be extremely knowledgeable, competent, and a concerned administrator in the field of banking. Governor ROCKEFELLER showed no favoritism toward any of his friends or relatives or their respective banking institutions in his administration of the New York State banking laws. He found this man to have a great interest in the welfare of citizens in the institutions in the State of New York. He could think of no more honest or hard working individual than Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

On August 23, 1974, CYRUS R. VANCE, Partner, law firm of Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett, 350 Park Avenue, Manhattan, President of the Bar Association of New York City, Secretary of the Army, 1962 - 1964, and United States Negotiator at the Paris Peace Conference, 1968 - 1969, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a

personal and political basis for over the last 15 years. This man has a grasp of local, Federal, and foreign politics. He considers this man a student and leader in the political arenas of the world. This man has always shown himself as an extremely able and competent administrator and legislator. He considers him a reliable and loyal asset to the American people. He finds it an honor and a privilege to recommend this man for position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, RICHARD L. BALTIMORE, JR., 299 Broadway, Manhattan, Acting Judge, City Court of New Rochelle, New York, and a member of the Association of the New York State Housing Authority, 1971 to date, advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for over ten years. He has always found NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as a moral, qualified and astute politician and administrator. NELSON ROCKEFELLER has no equal in New York State politics. He finds NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be well qualified for the Vice Presidency or the Presidency of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, JOHN J. MC CLOY, Partner, law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and Mc Cloy, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, Manhattan, and United States High Commissioner for Germany, 1949 - 1952, highly recommends NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. Mr. MC CLOY was an attorney for, and an advisor to, NELSON's father. He has known NELSON since he, NELSON, was a young boy. They have remained in social contact since those early days. His main professional contact with NELSON was during World War II. NELSON was in the Department of State and MC CLOY was in the War Department. At that period, NELSON was involved with security aspects concerning the Latin-American countries. NELSON has always shown a great knowledge of the internal affairs of foreign governments, particularly the Latin-American countries. In that part of the world, NELSON has wide contacts, through which he is able to obtain pertinent facts and to meet the necessary people.

He has also always considered NELSON as an expert in the administration of local, State, and Federal Government. He knows no facts, which would prevent him from giving NELSON ROCKEFELLER the highest recommendation for the position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] contacted his secretary, [redacted] on p.m. of August 24, 1974. He advised her to advise SA [redacted] that he can not give a recommendation on NELSON ROCKEFELLER because he does not know him well enough to make such an important statement. He knows nothing derogatory about him.

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On August 23, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] was contacted. He advised that he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER well enough to give a recommendation for the position of Vice President of the United States. He knows nothing derogatory about NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

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On August 23, 1974, the following senior partners of the law firm of [redacted] were interviewed by Special Agents (SAS) [redacted] regarding their relationship to and knowledge of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER socially for approximately ten years but that he personally had never had any business dealings with him. [redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER's character and background are beyond reproach and he would highly recommend him for Vice President of the United States.

[redacted] advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about ten years as a social acquaintance and that to the best of his knowledge Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character is beyond reproach and that in his opinion Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice for Vice President.

[redacted] advised that he has been a friend of the ROCKEFELLER family for approximately twenty years and that, in fact, his [redacted] also stated that he had [redacted] finally stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER's character and background are beyond reproach and that he is an excellent choice for the Vice President of the United States.

[redacted] advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for twenty years and that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is a highly honorable man with an exceedingly high degree of integrity and ability, and he would give him the highest recommendation he could for the office of Vice President of the United States.

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Mr. JOSEPH CARLINO, Attorney, 114 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York, advised SA JOHN G. FLEMING on August 23, 1974, that he has known the nominee since 1958 and was very close to him until 1964 when he, Mr. CARLINO, was the Majority Leader in the New York Senate. He advised he is heartily in favor of President FORD's nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, adding that there is not a scintilla of evidence of any wrongdoing on the part of the nominee, either professionally or personally. He stated Mr. ROCKEFELLER is most experienced and professional in government, both in the elective and administrative ends. He served in Washington, as well as Governor of New York State for many years and has an outstanding record. He advised that he knew of no indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee and knew nothing derogatory concerning him, and would consider him to be the ideal choice for the Vice-Presidency.

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[redacted] New York, Democrat, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been a fine public servant, would be good for the country and he would recommend him for the position.

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[redacted] New York, was contacted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, and advised that he has met the nominee on only a few occasions, all in a political environment. [redacted] stated that from what he knew of the nominee and the nominee's associates, he believes that the nominee is a very honest man. [redacted] stated that he has tremendous respect for the way that the nominee ran his Administration while Governor of New York State. [redacted] stated that he enthusiastically endorses the nominee highly for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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LOUIS LAUER, Attorney, Delson and Gordon, 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he served from April, 1966 to June, 1967, as Chief Counsel, New York State Constitutional Convention and as Executive Director and General Counsel of the New York State Charter Revision Commission for New York City from October, 1962 to July, 1973, under then Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

LAUER said he had no direct contact with ROCKEFELLER while serving as Chief Counsel for New York State Constitional Convention, however, was in contact with ROCKEFELLER when he (LAUER) served on the New York State Charter Commission.

LAUER stated that he was favorably impressed by ROCKEFELLER's strong interest in the conditions in New York City and his intense interest in the proceedings of the Charter Commission.

LAUER added that he knew of no discriminatory organizations to which ROCKEFELLER may have belonged and felt that ROCKEFELLER is an individual of strong moral character and reputation.

Commenting on the selection of ROCKEFELLER as Vice President LAUER described the selection as a matter of political judgement.

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On August 22, 1974, JOHN E. LOCKWOOD, Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and Mc Cloy, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] he has been acquainted with the nominee since approximately 1939, and that his wife and the nominee's first wife had been schoolmates. He said he has been the personal counsel for the nominee for many years and had been very close to him while he was with the government in Washington, D. C., and while he was Governor of New York State. He considers him a very dedicated and responsible individual and a man of complete integrity. LOCKWOOD said that he had been the personal counsel for the Rockefeller Family and Associates until a few years ago when he retired. He said that he knows the nominee both on a professional and social basis and there is nothing in his entire background which would cause him to doubt the nominee's moral character or reputation. He considers him an outstanding American citizen and a first-class diplomat. He said there is nothing that would cause him to hesitate recommending the nominee for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government and he highly recommended him.

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On August 22, 1974, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] New York City, advised during the past five years he has met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on three occasions. [redacted] recommended ROCKEFELLER very highly based on the fact that he considered him to be a very capable and loyal American. [redacted] advised that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER and considered him to be of excellent character.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] New York City, advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER socially on several occasions during the past five years. [redacted] advised that President FORD could not have selected a more capable and loyal American than Mr. ROCKEFELLER. [redacted] advised that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the character or ability of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

On August 23, 1974, R. BURDELL BIXBY, Attorney, law firm of Dewey, Ballentine, Bushby, Palmer, and Wood, 140 Broadway, New York City, who is also Chairman of the New York State Thruway Authority, advised that his friendship with Mr. ROCKEFELLER goes back to 1958. Mr. BIXBY advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER socially and politically for the past 16 years and, in his opinion, President FORD could not have selected a better person than ROCKEFELLER. BIXBY considers ROCKEFELLER to be a very capable executive who has gained the respect of the world, as well as his fellow Americans and he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the character or ability of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

VII. INTERVIEWS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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On August 23, 1974, ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor, New York City, Municipal Building, New York, New York, advised that he first met the nominee in approximately 1956 when the nominee was Chairman of the Temporary Commission for Review of the Constitution of New York State and he, BEAME, was a member of that committee. He stated that he has had continuous contact with him primarily in financial matters since he, BEAME, was Director of the Budget and Controller of New York City, prior to becoming Mayor. He said that although they disagreed on political philosophy and many issues, they worked together cooperatively, and he has the highest respect for the nominee. He described him as a very dedicated, competent, talented Government official, who is especially sensitive to urban problems, and that he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on his character, integrity or loyalty to the United States. He said that he thinks the selection of ROCKEFELLER as Vice President is an excellent one, and that he told the President so when he saw him yesterday.

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On August 23, 1974, STUART SCOTT, Ambassador to Portugal, and presently visiting the United States, residing at 784 Park Avenue, New York City, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for 25 years. Ambassador SCOTT has been to ROCKEFELLER's homes in Maine, New York City, and Westchester County. Ambassador SCOTT further advised that from 1971 to 1973, he was the head of a commission which NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER formed to study New York City government. Ambassador SCOTT advised that President FORD made a tremendous selection when he selected NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER to be Vice-President of the United States. Ambassador SCOTT advised that to his knowledge and recollections of the past, he could not furnish any information that would be derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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RALPH G. CASO, County Executive, Nassau County, Mineola, New York (NY), advised SA JOHN G. FLEMING on August 23, 1974, that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for many years and campaigned with him in 1958 and 1962 and later came to know him very well and on a first name basis, in 1970, when the nominee was running for Governor and Mr. CASO for County Executive. He stated he has the highest personal regard for the nominee as he is an outstanding and experienced person who in addition to serving the State, had also served in the Federal Government on a sub-cabinet level doing an excellent job.

Mr. CASO advised that recently he was head of a group of executives attempting to obtain Federal money for mass transit and in connection therewith, accompanied Mayor BEAME and Ex-Governor ROCKEFELLER in this endeavor. He advised he worked very closely with the Governor and considers him to be outstanding choice for the position of Vice President.

Mr. CASO advised there is no question whatsoever concerning the character, reputation, loyalty, and associates of the Governor, and he was aware of no improprieties or indiscretions on his part which would possibly embarrass him or the government. He stated that he had been an outstanding Governor in this State, is aware of the urban problems, and can be relied upon to do an outstanding job as Vice President. He advised he recommended him without qualification.

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RICHARD J. BRADY, Chairman, Dutchess County Republican Committee, and Deputy Secretary of State, New York, New York, advised he has known the nominee for seven years and said that he was responsive to the area both politically and non-politically. He stated that the nominee shows a deep concern for the people and that he knows nothing derogatory regarding him. He stated that, to his knowledge, there is nothing in the nominee's background that would tend to embarrass the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty were excellent, and recommended him without reservation for the position.

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Mr. JOSEPH RAFFA, Chairman, Sullivan County Board of Supervisors, Monticello, New York, Democrat, advised SAs [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he feels that former Governor ROCKEFELLER is "too liberal" for his tastes and would not be his personal choice for the position of Vice President. However, he stated that he knows nothing specific that would preclude his recommending the former Governor.

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The following investigation was conducted on August 22, 1974, by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

MARIO A. PROCACCINO, a Democrat, President, State Tax Commission, New York, New York, advised he has known the nominee for twenty years and considers him "a great guy" about whom he knows absolutely nothing derogatory. He stated the nominee is capable, honorable, and dedicated. He said he knows nothing about him that would tend to embarrass the nominee or the United States government. He said that rather than recommend him, he would endorse him for the position.

BENJAMIN R. SCHENCK, a Republican, Superintendent of Insurance, State of New York, advised he has known the nominee for ten years and has nothing but admiration and respect for him. He stated the nominee is energetic, hard working, extremely honest, and has nothing in his background that would either embarrass him or the United States Government. He said the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach, and he recommended him without reservation for the position of Vice President.

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INTERVIEWS OF
VIII. RELIGIOUS LEADERS

His Eminence TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE, Roman Catholic Diocese of New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for many years and considers him a dedicated and faithful public servant. He stated ROCKEFELLER has performed his duties in a very creditable, conscientious and upright manner and nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt his integrity, reliability or good name. He added he opposed ROCKEFELLER'S stand on abortion, but he regards him as an able and knowledgeable administrator. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Right Reverend ALLEN W. BROWN, Philadelphia Hill Road, Tannersville, New York, retired as Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Albany, in March of 1974, advised he has known the nominee since 1958. His church and office were located near the State Capitol and he had frequent contacts with the Governor at State affairs and civic programs. He considers the nominee to be an administrator of exceptional ability, a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, and is very pleased he is the nominee for the Vice Presidency. He knows of absolutely no reason Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York:

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On August 23, 1974, Doctor SANDY F. RAY, Pastor of the Corner Stone Baptist Church, 574 Madison Street, advised that he first met NELSON ROCKEFELLER about twenty years ago when he, ROCKEFELLER, first entered political life, and has been closely associated with him on a personal and political level since that time. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER an individual of the greatest integrity and honesty and about the most sincere man he knows in this category. He considers him to be an individual who is "very liberal" but who would not let his liberal attitude interfere with the best interests of the people. He said that ROCKEFELLER, many times, disagreed with him on various issues, and he has found ROCKEFELLER to be an individual who would voice his objections clearly and honestly. He, however, considers him an excellent statesman and highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

INTERVIEWS OF
IX. BUSINESS LEADERS

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JOHN A. COLEMAN, [redacted] New York, New York, a partner in the Brokerage Firm of Adler, Coleman and Company, advised Special Agent (SA) JOHN T. O'SHAUGHNESSY he has known the ROCKEFELLER family since 1938. He was appointed by the nominee to serve on the Moreland Act Commission approximately six or seven years ago. He advised that the nominee would be extremely helpful in matters concerning South America and would be most advantageous for the United States. He stated that he is of a political persuasion other than the nominee's; however, he would recommend the nominee highly as to his moral character, associates and loyalty to the United States.

JOHN FRANCIS HAYES, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, Deputy Borough President, Borough of Brooklyn, and former Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), advised SA JOHN T. O'SHAUGHNESSY he does not know ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis but has met him on a couple of occasions in a group. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a dynamic politician, a tremendous campaigner and a loyal American. He stated he knows nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning ROCKEFELLER'S moral character, reputation or associates.

VICTOR D. ZIMINSKY, President, Victor D. Ziminsky, Incorporated, Management Consultants, [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] he first became acquainted with ROCKEFELLER in 1947 when he, ZIMINSKY, was president of the Union News. Since 1957, his contact with ROCKEFELLER has been limited to social functions. He has never been very close to ROCKEFELLER socially, but he has known of his reputation as being a person of integrity. He has never heard or known of anything which would cause him to doubt ROCKEFELLER'S reputation or loyalty. He regards him as a stable, reliable and energetic individual. He further stated that he was not aware of any of the circumstances surrounding ROCKEFELLER'S divorce from his first wife.

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HARRY HAGGERTY, [redacted] Westchester County Club, Harrison, New York, advised SA [redacted] he is retired Vice-Chairman of the Board, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, New York. HAGGERTY stated he has met ROCKEFELLER on different occasions but does not know him personally very well. He stated he met ROCKEFELLER through his (HAGGERTY'S) personal friend, Governor MALCOLM WILSON. b6 b7C

Mr. HAGGERTY stated everything concerning ROCKEFELLER has been favorable, although he has heard rumors concerning ROCKEFELLER'S extramarital affairs, but he feels these are unfounded rumors. He stated MALCOLM WILSON has told him ROCKEFELLER is "clean as a whistle".

Mr. HAGGERTY further believes ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice President due to his proven administrative abilities and the work he has done for New York State. He stated nothing has come to his attention that would compromise ROCKEFELLER'S character, reputation or loyalty, and he recommended ROCKEFELLER. The only reservation HAGGERTY has concerning ROCKEFELLER is his own personal preference for a person like BARRY GOLDWATER who made it in politics "on his own and was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth."

FRANCIS B. GARVEY, [redacted] West Islip, New York, Attorney, advised that as President of the Long Island Association, a business and industrial group, he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions. He advised he is not a close associate of ROCKEFELLER's, but he knows nothing derogatory concerning him and nothing which should preclude his becoming Vice President.

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On August 23, 1974, HOYT AMMIDON, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United States Trust Company, 45 Wall Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] he has been acquainted with the nominee for approximately 20 years. During this period, he had been a member of the National Republican Finance Committee and the New York State Finance Committee, and was familiar with the fund-raising activities of both committees. He said the nominee is a person of "high integrity" and a very careful and responsible individual. He knows him socially and went to school with members of his immediate family. AMMIDON stated that the nominee never said nor did anything which would cast a shadow on his moral character, integrity or good name. b6 b7C

AMMIDON added that the nominee is a very capable and dynamic administrator, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

On August 23, 1974, HARRY W. ALBRIGHT, JR., New York State Superintendent of Banks, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he has known the nominee for approximately 15 years, having served as Counsel to the Civil Service Employees Association and to the Medical Society, before taking his present position, and had many meetings with the Governor in those capacities. He stated that he is also a close personal friend of the nominee. He said that there is absolutely no question of his integrity or moral character, that his ability as an administrator and dedicated Government official has been proven, and that he is entirely loyal to the United States. He recommended the nominee highly.

On August 23, 1974, Mr. WILLIAM T. DENTZER, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Central Certificate Service, Incorporated, 55 Water Street, New York, New York, who resides at [redacted] New York, advised that he first met the nominee in April, 1969, when he entered the State Government as Executive Director of the State Council on Economic Advisors. He subsequently became Superintendent of Banks, and remained there until May, 1972. In the latter position, he was a member of the Governor's Cabinet, saw him frequently, and judged him as a very capable individual in all respects. He said that he found the nominee to be a man who is tolerant, of diversified opinion, but at the same time, able to reach firm decisions on matters. He stated also that he, while Superintendent, was the architect of banking legislation

in the State, and that he noted that the nominee took great pains to avoid becoming involved in such legislation, because he was extremely sensitive of the family ties in banking. He said that he had the most general kind of mandate in operating the Banking Department, and that the nominee did not interfere lest he be judged guilty of some improprieties. He stated that he also knows that he gave the widest range of authority to his, DENTZER's, predecessor, [redacted] b6 b7C He said that he has the highest regard for the nominee as a man of strong character and integrity, and that although there were several excellent choices for the Vice Presidency, he felt that the selection of ROCKEFELLER was the best.

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On August 21, 1974, GEORGE LYON HINMAN, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that he is the Special Counsel to the Rockefeller Family Associates and is the Republican Committeeman for New York. He stated he has been acquainted with the nominee since 1956 and at that time he had a law practice at Binghamton, New York, and had been contacted by ROCKEFELLER to be ROCKEFELLER'S counsel on the Commission to review the New York State Constitutional Convention. He said he became an Executive Assistant to the nominee when he became Governor in 1958 and he remained with him for several months in the capacity of staffing his administration. He has been very close to the nominee in all his political ventures and he considers him a person of complete integrity and excellent moral character. He said he is "tremendously qualified" as a Governmental leader and is very dynamic in all his undertakings. He said the nominee has always been dedicated in trying to solve problems and is challenged by them.

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HINMAN stated that he has supervised fund raising for the nominee and that at no time has there ever been any allegations against him concerning monetary affairs, except for the complete "fabrication" concerning allegations made recently against him. He explained that the allegations concerned money secretly funded from ROCKEFELLER to cause upheaval during the last Presidential elections. He said these allegations were "totally false" and that the donations made by members of the ROCKEFELLER family to the NIXON campaign were made in the proper manner. He considers the nominee an outstanding and dedicated administrator and a loyal American citizen.

He reiterated that as far as the charges recently exhibited in the press regarding ROCKEFELLER funds and the NIXON campaign, all laws regarding donations were conformed with and at no time were there any irregularities charged against the nominee except for the above allegation. He said

the ROCKEFELLER family has been extremely conscious of any funding and it is all handled by their attorneys to the letter of the law.

HINMAN highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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On August 23, 1974, ALTON G. MARSHALL, President of Rockefeller Center Incorporated, 50 Rockefeller Center, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that he first became acquainted with the nominee in 1961, at which time, he became the Deputy Director of the Budget of New York State. In 1965, he became an Executive Officer to the Governor, and in 1966, became Secretary to Governor ROCKEFELLER, and his Chief of Staff. He remained in this position until 1971. MARSHALL stated that he has worked very closely with the nominee, and is "reasonably well equipped" to comment on the nominee's personal life and his political career. He stated that he has never known the nominee to be involved in any type of unfavorable or "shady" dealings involving money, bribes, graft, or corruption. He said, at no time was the nominee ever involved in, nor did he have knowledge of the "suggestion of illegal acts or dirty tricks". He considers the nominee a person of complete integrity, and he "can't think of anything which would cast an aspersion on his integrity." He stated the nominee is able to compromise and can"get a substantial chunk of what he wanted when he knows he can't get it all". He added that the nominee is flexible and realizes that he cannot be rigid in all his demands, and that he can work well with people in all spectrums of our society. He highly recommended the nominee for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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On August 21, 1974, J. RICHARDSON DILWORTH, Counsel to the Rockefeller Family and Associates, advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee for twenty years and he oversees the financial and administrative interests of the ROCKEFELLER family. He stated that the nominee has always been a person of complete integrity and nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt the nominee's honesty or loyalty. He said he is a man of his word and he is held in the highest regard by individuals of all political affiliations. DILWORTH said that the nominee is a very meticulous and diplomatic individual and he would be an asset to the United States as Vice-President. He stated that he knows of nothing concerning the nominee's personal or professional life which, if it were disclosed at a future date, would prove embarrassing to the Vice Presidency or to Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He highly recommended the nominee for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

On August 21, 1974, Dr. WILLIAM J. RONAN, Senior Advisor to the Rockefeller Family and Associates, and also Chairman of the Board of the Port of New York Authority, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised that he first met the nominee in approximately 1956, when he had been the Head of Staff, preparing for the Constitutional Revision of which the nominee was Chairman. He explained that the staff was gathered in order to examine the New York State Constitution and to prepare for the State Constitutional Convention, which was subsequently voted down during the general elections. He, subsequently, became an associate and friend of the nominee and worked on his campaign in 1958 for Governor of New York State. He became Secretary and Chief of Staff to the nominee in 1959 and remained with him until December, 1965, after the successful campaign for the Governor's re-election.

He stated that he has had an excellent view of the nominee both personally and professionally and he considers him a man of complete integrity. He has witnessed the nominee in the "political arena" and he said the nominee has always

been "meticulous to separate his public and private concerns."

He considers him a forthright individual and a very discreet and scrupulous person in that he was always quick to get facts concerning any possible wrongdoing and always made immediate corrections. He stated that nothing has ever come to his attention that would cause him to doubt in the slightest manner the nominee's word, integrity, moral character, or reputation. He is an excellent administrator, a first class diplomat, and a loyal American citizen. He highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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On August 22, 1974, JOHN HAY WHITNEY, 110 West 51st Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted], that he has been acquainted with the nominee for approximately 30 years. He worked with him when the nominee was Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, in approximately 1940. He regards the nominee as a competent and diplomatic individual, and he holds him in high esteem as a person of complete integrity. Nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt the nominee's moral character or reputation, nor does he know of anything which would cast a shadow upon the Vice Presidency, or upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER himself, should the nominee receive the position of Vice President. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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On August 22, 1974, ROBERT MOSES was interviewed at his summer home Oak Beach, Long Island, New York, by SA WILLIAM R. WALL. He advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately 40 to 45 years and has served in ROCKEFELLER's Administration. He has worked in projects with ROCKEFELLER's father and knows all the members of the family very well. He stated that he has no information relative to ROCKEFELLER which would preclude his being appointed as Vice-President of the United States, and in fact, thinks that his was the best of all possible choices.

He is not sufficiently acquainted with the financial affairs of ROCKEFELLER to furnish any information concerning them.

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Mr. PAUL GROSSINGER, Owner, Grossinger's Hotel and Country Club, Liberty, New York, Republican, advised SAS [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER was an outstanding public servant. He advised that he has personally known the nominee for many years and that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has been a guest many times at his hotel in the past. He stated that he would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the appointment.

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Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York, Republican, advised SAS [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER was an outstanding choice for Vice-President, that he has all of the necessary credentials for the position and would be good for the country.

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X. INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

On August 22, 1974, Mrs. DOROTHY SCHIFF, Editor-in-Chief, "New York Post", 210 South Street, New York, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents WILLIAM J. GROVES and ALBERT F. CHESTONE concerning the nominee. She stated that she first met the nominee in 1936, and has maintained a close relationship with him ever since.

She advised that he is an extremely honest, trustworthy and sincere individual, whose dedication and loyalty to the United States are beyond doubt or question.

She concluded by stating that she highly recommends the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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On August 23, 1974, Mr. HEDLEY DONOVAN, Editor-in-Chief, Time Incorporated, Time and Life Building, New York City, was interviewed concerning the nominee, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. DONOVAN stated that the nominee is, without the slightest doubt, totally capable of fulfilling the responsibilities of the Office of Vice-President.

He advised that he has known the nominee for approximately twenty years and has never known him to be other than an honest and trustworthy individual. He added that the nominee, whom he knows socially, is a highly disciplined person, who will devote all of his talents towards improving living standards, in America and the entire world.

The above interview was conducted by Special Agents WILLIAM J. GROVES and ALBERT F. CHESTONE.

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On August 22, 1974, WARREN H. PHILLIPS, President, "The Wall Street Journal", 22 Courtland Street, New York, New York, advised SA WILLIAM J. GROVES, JR. that although he has known the nominee by reputation for many years, he feels that he does not know ROCKEFELLER well enough to offer specific comments about him.

On August 22, 1974, DONALD MAC DONALD, Senior Vice-President, "The Wall Street Journal", 22 Courtland Street, New York, New York, advised SA GROVES that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, and, therefore, does not consider himself qualified to specifically comment on ROCKEFELLER.

On August 22, 1974, FREDERICK TAYLOR, Managing Editor, "The Wall Street Journal", 22 Courtland Street, New York, New York, advised SA GROVES that he does not recall ever meeting ROCKEFELLER personally, and, although he knows of the nominee by reputation, he does not believe he is in a position to offer a recommendation concerning him.

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EUGENE HAGGERTY, New York-New Jersey Regional Editor, United Press International, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on August 22, 1974, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that although he has had no personal association with the nominee, he has met and associated many times with Mr. ROCKEFELLER at various public functions and through the nominee's position as a public figure and Mr. HAGGERTY's function as a newsman. Mr. HAGGERTY added that he has never known of any information which would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's personal character or his ability as an executive. He said, in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER could serve with distinction in high public office, and he knew of nothing in the nominee's background which would ever embarrass the nominee, himself, or the government he serves. He also said he has no reservations about Mr. ROCKEFELLER's fitness for a responsible government position and he recommended the nominee accordingly.

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JOHN R. CORPORON, Vice-President, News Department, WPIX, a radio and television station at 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on August 22, 1974, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he has known the nominee as a news reporter for several years, has covered national political conventions when the nominee was a Presidential candidate, knows him professionally through the news media during Mr. ROCKEFELLER's terms as Governor, and feels he knows the nominee well as an observer. According to Mr. CORPORON, there is no fault of personal character or lack of executive ability which would prevent Mr. ROCKEFELLER from being appointed to the high post under consideration, and he feels the nominee is well suited to such a position. Mr. CORPORON said that in his position as reporter of the news, he has become aware of no information which would reflect adversely upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, associates, reputation, or ability, and he said he has no reservations concerning the nominee's fitness for public office.

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F. M. FLYNN, Chairman of the Board, The New York News, Incorporated, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on August 22, 1974, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] that he has known the nominee for over 15 years mainly through his position as publisher of a prominent New York newspaper, but also on a limited personal basis. Mr. FLYNN said that although he and his newspaper have disagreed with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on specific projects and policies, they have consistently supported him editorially, and he has never found the nominee to be other than frank and honorable. Mr. ROCKEFELLER is not a devious man, is personable, and exceptionally competent in that through the years that he was Governor of New York State he strove to improve his knowledge of state affairs while continuing his interest and competency in national and international affairs. Mr. FLYNN continued that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is wide-ranging in his thinking, has a good reputation, and nothing has caused him to question the nominee's personal character, associates, or ability as a public figure. Mr. FLYNN said that his observations indicate that the nominee's marriage is a happy one, and he would have no doubts as to the nominee's fitness for high public office requiring an impeccable character and reputation. He said he feels the choice of the nominee for the Vice-Presidency is a good one.

WINFIELD H. JAMES, President and Publisher, The New York News, Incorporated, on August 22, 1974, advised SA [redacted] that although he has no personal knowledge of the nominee, he has had considerable association with him through formal functions. He has found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outgoing and highly reputable person whom he feels is well qualified for the post under consideration. Mr. JAMES said he has no knowledge of anything which would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's personal character, reputation, associates, or judgement, and he said, in his opinion, the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an excellent one.

FLOYD BARGER, Executive Editor and Senior Vice-President, The New York News, Incorporated, on August 22, 1974, advised SA [redacted] that he knows the nominee personally and has followed his career for 35 years through Mr. BARGER's position as newspaper editor. He has been in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's home and associated with him on semi-social occasions. He said he considers the nominee to be a man of high integrity, thoroughly honest, and an appropriate choice for the position under consideration. Mr. BARGER added that if there had been any substantial taint of scandal associated with the nominee, his paper would have published it; however, no concrete information was ever developed which would reflect unfavorably upon any aspect of the nominee's character or activities, and he feels there is no reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER could not serve in high public office. Mr. BARGER said he is aware of the many considerations to which nominees for high public office are subject and he said, in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the requisite personal background, executive ability, and wide-ranging interests to enable him to serve as Vice-President with distinction.

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MICHAEL J. O'NEILL, Managing Editor, The New York News, Incorporated, on August 22, 1974, advised SA [redacted] that he has known of the people around the nominee for 15 to 20 years and has covered Mr. ROCKEFELLER's activities through Mr. O'NEILL's position in the newspaper field. He has associated with the nominee at public gatherings and he said he is aware of no information which would reflect adversely upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He said that specifically, the nominee's personal character, associates, reputation, executive ability, and temperament are such as would qualify him for high public office, and Mr. O'NEILL said he had no reservations about the nominee's suitability for such office.

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On August 22, 1974, Mr. OSBORN ELLIOTT, Chairman of the Board and Editor of "Newsweek" magazine, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he had been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for a number of years and was also acquainted with other members of the ROCKEFELLER family. ELLIOTT stated that he has associated with the nominee both professionally and socially, that he has entertained the ROCKEFELLERS at his home, been a guest at their home, and attended other social functions with them. b6 b7C

ELLIOTT stated that he felt ROCKEFELLER was the best possible choice for the office of Vice President of the United States, and exhibited a copy of a telegram which he had sent to him, congratulating him on his nomination. He stated that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER was of excellent moral character, had tremendous executive ability and was the most highly qualified person for the office to which he has been nominated.

ELLIOTT added that although he has disagreed with ROCKEFELLER in some matters, notably his conduct in regard to the prison uprising at Attica, New York, nevertheless, he respected his judgement and could think of nothing derogatory regarding his character, associations, or any other aspect of his life and career.

Mr. RUSSELL WATSON, National Affairs Desk, "Newsweek" magazine, advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he is responsible for handling a large feature article being prepared on ROCKEFELLER by "Newsweek". He stated the primary focus of this article will be on the nominee's wealth and assets but will cover other facets of the nominee and the nomination. Nothing has been discovered in the preparation of this article which would reflect unfavorably on ROCKEFELLER in regard to his ability, integrity, or moral character. He stated that there has been some speculation among members of the news media as to the ROCKEFELLERS' domestic situation. He added that this speculation

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is caused by Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's tendency to "avoid the limelight" and her absence from various public functions at which her husband was present. He said such speculation is always rife among members of the media in regard to any public figure and he personally knows of no information which would indicate any marital rift. He stated that although he differs politically with the nominee in many areas, he knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the office of Vice President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, Mr. ROBERT W. DICKEY, General Manager, WINS Radio, 90 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for a period of years in a professional capacity. He has had press conferences with him, both "on and off the record" on many occasions, and has socialized with him to a limited extent. In his dealings with the nominee, Mr. DICKEY stated that he has found him to be forthright, moderate, honest, and always in full control of himself. Although he has disagreed with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on some occasions, it never resulted in any rancor or bitterness. He stated that he knew nothing derogatory concerning the nominee's moral character, his associations or his abilities.

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Mr. CHARLES APPEL, Editorial Director, WINS Radio, stated on August 22, 1974, that he knew Mr. ROCKEFELLER slightly and on a professional basis. He stated that although he differed from the nominee politically in many areas, he knew of no reason why he should not be considered highly qualified and capable of handling the office for which he has been nominated.

Mr. DOUGLAS EDELSON, Reporter, WINS, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he had known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for 18 years, that he had covered his various political campaigns, has travelled with him, and felt that he knew him very well. EDELSON stated that he is in the process of writing a book about the relationship between ROCKEFELLER and JOHN V. LINDSAY during the period when the nominee was Governor of New York State and LINDSAY was Mayor of New York City.

Mr. EDELSON said that as a result of his association with the nominee, he has complete faith in his honesty, character, and ability. He stated that he found ROCKEFELLER and his wife to be a devoted, charming couple and that although his wife prefers domestic rather than public life, she is content to do whatever is necessary to further her husband's political life. Mr. EDELSON said that he could not think of anyone more fully qualified mentally, morally, or ability-wise, for the Vice-Presidential office.

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On August 23, 1974, Mr. HERBERT SALTZMAN, General Manager, WOR Radio, 1440 Broadway, New York, New York, advised Special Agents [redacted] and JOSEPH W. MENDES that he had known the nominee in a professional capacity, over a period of more than ten years. He stated that he had always found ROCKEFELLER to be forthright and honest and he had never had any reason to question his abilities or moral character. SALTZMAN said he felt that ROCKEFELLER was extremely well qualified for the office to which he has been nominated. b6 b7C

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XI. INTERVIEWS OF COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

On August 23, 1974, the following individuals were contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] in New York City, New York: b6 b7C

RICHARD H. KUH, District Attorney in Charge of the Borough of Manhattan for the City of New York, 155 Leonard Street, advised that he has been in his present position for six and a half months. He stated that he has met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, been at meetings with him and has known him since ROCKEFELLLER first became Governor of the State of New York. He stated that he could furnish no derogatory information concerning NELSON ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. He stated that he, (KUH), runs the District Attorney's Office on a "wholly, non-political basis" and that as a result of this, he will not comment either for or against Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination for the Vice-President Post. He stated that he wished to make it perfectly clear that his refusal to comment concerning a political figure has no bearing on whether he is in favor of or against the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidential Post.

JOHN KEENAN, Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Borough of Manhattan, 155 Leonard Street, stated that he has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally but that he considers him to be the best nominee for the Vice-Presidential Position that President FORD could have named. He stated that although he is not personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, he has never heard anything but favorable comments concerning him. He stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be one hundred percent American, "straight as an arrow" and that President FORD could not have named any better individual for the Vice-President Position than NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

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District Attorney EMANUEL GELLMAN, Sullivan County, 270 Broadway, Monticello, New York, Republican, advised SAS [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER had been outstanding as Governor and a fine public servant and that he could not say enough fine things about the appointee. He highly recommended former Governor ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

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HENRY G. WENZEL, III, District Attorney of Suffolk County, Riverhead, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he is not familiar enough with ROCKEFELLER to comment concerning his fitness to be Vice President of the United States. His knowledge concerning ROCKEFELLER is merely from public statements and publicity ROCKEFELLER has received.

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Mr. WILLIAM CAHN, District Attorney, Nassau County, Mineola, New York, advised he has known the nominee about 15 years, adding that the latter appointed him to the position of District Attorney. He has associated professionally and socially with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and found him to be a most pleasant and hospitable person. He said he did an excellent job as Governor of the State and is a man of high moral standards and integrity.

Mr. CAHN stated that some individuals may "snipe" at him for political reasons, but he considers him to be a most loyal, capable and competent man, who is an excellent choice for the position of Vice-President. He stated he knew nothing derogatory concerning him and recommended him without qualification.

XII. INTERVIEWS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Director JOHN F. MALONE, New York Office, FBI, advised that for the 12 years he has been in the New York Office he has been in touch with ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions. His contacts have been always extremely cordial and the Governor holds the Bureau in very high regard. He has heard ROCKEFELLER speak on untold numbers of occasions before various law enforcement groups and other organizations in the New York City area. He is a personal appointee of ROCKEFELLER to the Municipal Police Training Council of the State of New York, and has found him in personal sessions in regard to this organization to be forthright, honest, and a man who always takes a direct approach to matters. He has always found him to be an excellent administrator in State affairs. He has never heard ROCKEFELLER make a statement which would indicate he was anything but a conservative American. Mr. MALONE has been privy to numerous discussions concerning Governor ROCKEFELLER and has never heard anything of a derogatory nature as far as his loyalty and patriotism are concerned. Mr. MALONE concluded by stating that the Governor is progressive and has spent a great deal of money in advancing New York State to the forefront which would include the field of Law Enforcement.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Commissioner MICHAEL J. CODD, New York City Police Department, advised he has known the nominee for sixteen years and stated that he is a man of the highest integrity. He said that he doubts if a better man could be picked for the position and that he is honest, capable, and hard working. He said he knew nothing in the nominee's background that would cause embarrassment to him or to the government, and that his character, reputation and loyalty were excellent. He recommended him highly for the position.

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PHILLIP CORSO, Suffolk County Sheriff, Riverhead, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he had been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER in a professional capacity for over ten years. He advised that his office of Sheriff was vacated by FRANK GROSS who is now with the New York State Parole Board. ROCKEFELLER appointed him, CORSO, Sheriff.

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He stated that from his meetings with ROCKEFELLER, he would consider him to be of good character, loyalty and reputation. He stated that ROCKEFELLER has always exercised good, sound, executive judgement in his discharge of duties as Governor of the State of New York, and he feels that ROCKEFELLER, from his past public service, is well qualified for the office of Vice-President of the United States.

He advised that he is not cognizant of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings and could not comment concerning them. He advised that to his knowledge, there is nothing derogatory in his background which would reflect unfavorably upon the office of the Vice-President. If he had the opportunity to vote for ROCKEFELLER's confirmation in the Congress of the United States, he would be more than happy to do so.

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On August 21, 1974, DENIS DILLON, Democratic Candidate for Nassau County District Attorney's Office and Former Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force, Eastern District of New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he is not aware of any indiscretions on the part of the nominee which would tend to embarrass him or the Government. Mr. DILLON advised that he is not personally familiar with the nominee and has had no dealings on a legislative basis with him or his office. He added that as far as he knows of his own personal knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man of integrity.

Mr. DILLON advised that one of his assistants, [redacted] formerly with the Strike Force in Brooklyn, handled the prosecution of a federal narcotics case about three years ago which involved mobsters PAUL SCIACCA and [redacted]. One of the defendants in the case, [redacted] DILLON advised that [redacted]. Mr. DILLON stated that he never saw the picture and expressed the opinion that if it still exists, it probably would be in the possession of the nominee's people in Albany. He stated that in his opinion, this has no bearing on the appointee's integrity but if the photograph appeared in newspapers, it could possibly lead to embarrassment. He further advised that [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 22, 1974, JOSEPH PAVLAK, Greene County Sheriff, Catskill, New York, advised he has known the nominee since 1969, when Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed him to fill the vacancy of the deceased sheriff. He has met with him on three or four occasions since that time, and highly recommends Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

On August 23, 1974, GEORGE E. YERRY, 133 Highland Avenue, Kingston, New York, Commissioner of the New York State Compensation Board, advised he has had a close personal relationship with the nominee during his term as Governor of New York State. He has been appointed to several non-paying positions by the Governor and has had a close working relationship with him. He considers the nominee to be an outstanding administrator, and a person of unquestionable character, reputation and loyalty, who is an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency.

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The following law enforcement officials were contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on August 22, 1974, in New York, New York. b6 b7C

Mr. A. E. WHITAKER, Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, 90 Church Street, advised that he is not personally acquainted with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER and that he is not in a position to make comments concerning him.

Chief ROBERT RAPP, New York City Transit Authority Police, 370 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he formerly worked for NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER's private secretary, Dr. WILLIAM J. RONAN. He said that he met NELSON ROCKEFELLER at various functions of ethnic groups in the New York City metropolitan area, and shook hands with him. He stated that he had little, if any, conversations with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and that he feels he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER well enough to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. He stated that on the other hand, he knows of no reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be employed in a position of trust and confidence as he considers him to be an excellent administrator.

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Mr. FRANK MONASTERO, Deputy Regional Director of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 555 West 57 Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, that JOHN FALLON, Regional Director, DEA, had telephonically contacted him on August 22, 1974. He stated that FALLON had advised him to inform the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that he (FALLON) is not personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He stated that FALLON said that up to June 30, 1973, he (FALLON) was the Special Agent in Charge of the Customs Agency Service in New York, and that NELSON ROCKEFELLER, as Governor of New York, supported some of the programs of the US Customs Agency Service. He said that FALLON also stated that the strong New York State Drug Law which was initiated by NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Governor of New York has aided tremendously in the work of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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Detective [redacted] Special Operations Section, Nassau County Police Department (NCPD), Mineola, New York, advised that he has on a number of occasions been detailed to afford personal security for former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER when he has visited and appeared publicly in Nassau County, New York. b6 b7C

He related he has become personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a result of his assignments and has been with him both in private and in public during the past 10 or more years in connection with his official duties.

[redacted] advised that he is not aware of any indiscretions or conduct on the part of Mr. ROCKEFELLER which would in any way reflect adversely on his moral character or associates and considers him to be an excellent choice as a Vice-President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, Mr. FERDINAND J. MONDELLO, Chairman, New York State Commission of Investigation, 270 Broadway, New York City, New York, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and ROBERT E. BRODERICK. b6 b7C

Mr. MONDELLO advised that he has known the nominee for more than twelve years and considers him to be a man of outstanding character and reputation. He feels NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER is not only qualified to be Vice-President, but would make a great President.

Mr. MONDELLO further advised that of all the individuals mentioned as possible candidates for the Vice-Presidency, President FORD selected the most capable, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

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EDWARD S. SILVER, Member, New York State Commission of Investigation, 270 Broadway, New York, New York, furnished the following information on August 22, 1974:

SILVER advised that he was appointed in 1969 to be the Democratic member of the two Commissioners appointed by former Governor ROCKEFELLER. SILVER advised he had previously served from 1925-1929 as Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. He had also served as Assistant District Attorney and as District Attorney and Surrogate Judge in Kings County, New York, during the period 1946-1968.

He advised that although he, SILVER, is a Democrat, he considers ROCKEFELLER to be the best man available for the position of Vice President. He advised no one he knows has ever expressed any criticism of his integrity, moral character, ability or reputation.

He considers him to be an outstanding American, a man of ability and knowledgeable in government and international affairs.

SILVER stated he has never heard of ROCKEFELLER being a member of any organization that practiced discrimination of any kind.

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Mr. JOSEPH WASSER, Sheriff, Sullivan County, New York, Monticello, New York, Democrat, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER had been a fine governor, would be good for Sullivan County, New York State, and the country, and he would recommend him for the appointment. b6 b7C

XIII. INTERVIEWS OF JUDGES (STATE AND LOCAL)

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SOL WACHTLER, Justice, New York Court of Appeals, Mineola, New York, advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and has a special affection for him. He has visited him at his residences in New York City, Westchester and Albany and found him to be a genuinely, sincere and warm individual. He added that the nominee has run for office a number of times and has been "held up to a microscope" and has come out with flying colors. He is an intelligent and articulate individual and the type who can get diverse forces to work together.

He stated the nominee is a man of impeccable credentials, a man of integrity and one about whom he knows nothing of an adverse nature. He said he was not aware of any indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee and recommended him without qualification.

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On August 23, 1974, New York State Supreme Court Justice MOSES WEINSTEIN, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York (NY), advised SA [redacted] G. HARRINGTON that he has known the nominee for many years and at one time, while Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Governor, he was majority leader in the Senate. Judge WEINSTEIN stated also that he was of the opposition party and had formerly been Queens County Democratic leader. He stated that because of his duties in Albany, he saw the Governor frequently and became personal friends with him despite the party differences. He stated that he thought the appointment of NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President of the United States was the "greatest thing for the country". He stated that he never met a more humane and compassionate person who had a great deal of feeling for everyone. He observed the nominee in conference with various minority groups and despite the great feeling that he had for them, he had the courage to deny them at times what they sought from the State. He considered him a person of integrity, and a loyal American of good character, concerning whom nothing of an adverse nature had ever come to his attention. He could not more highly recommend anyone for the position for which he has been nominated.

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On August 23, 1974, the Honorable ALEXANDER CHANANAU, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Bronx County, was interviewed by Special Agents ROBERT E. BRODERICK and [redacted] [redacted] b6 b7C

Judge CHANANAU advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1958 and has associated with him socially as well as through their business relationship. He considers the nominee to be an individual of the highest moral character and integrity, and most eminently qualified for the position of Vice President.

Judge CHANANAU further advised that, in all the years he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he has never heard anyone say anything derogatory concerning him.

Judge CHANANAU said that he is not aware of all the organizations in which the nominee holds a membership, but feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would most certainly divest himself of such membership if the organization discriminated against any class of persons.

Judge CHANANAU feels that President FORD's selection of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President will restore confidence in the present administration not only on the domestic scene but throughout the world.

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The Honorable HARRY KRAF, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Bronx County, was interviewed on August 23, 1974, by Special Agents [redacted] and ROBERT E. BRODERICK and advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for over 16 years. b6 b7C

Judge KRAF advised that the nominee is a man of unquestionable character and is highly qualified for the position of Vice President. He further described the nominee as being most capable and possessing a wealth of administrative ability and expertise. He was confident that the nominee will do an excellent job as Vice President and would also be most suitable to be President.

Judge KRAF knew of no derogatory information concerning the nominee. He felt that the early confirmation of the nominee as Vice President would help to restore confidence in Government.

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Justice STEVEN B. DEROUNIAN, Supreme Court, Mineola, New York, advised SA JOHN G. FLEMING on August 23, 1974, that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since 1953, but has not been a close, intimate friend. He stated that they have differed from time to time on political issues, but he considers him to be an excellent choice for the Vice-Presidency. He said he is a good American, a man of integrity and one whose experience is unparalleled. He said he knows nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and is aware of no improprieties which would prevent him from recommending him for the nomination. He advised that he has served the people for many years in the highest fashion and can be relied upon to do an outstanding job as Vice President. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is definitely his choice.

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THOMAS FARLEY, Justice of the Supreme Court, New York State, Mineola, New York, advised SA FLEMING that he knows the nominee from various functions they attended together, adding that the nominee may not know him. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would definitely be his choice for the Vice-President position as he has been a very good Governor and is a competent, astute politician. He is unexcelled at getting forces to work together. He advised that he knew nothing derogatory concerning him and would recommend him highly.

CHARLES TOM, Justice of the Supreme Court of New York State, Riverhead, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he has been familiar with the ROCKEFELLER family for over thirty years. He stated that he was a close personal friend of WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER, now deceased, and former Governor of the State of Arkansas, since they both served in the United States Army together during World War II. He stated that he first became friendly with the former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER when Mr. ROCKEFELLER assumed that position in 1959, and has had dealings with him since that time in a public capacity as former Suffolk County Police Commissioner and Judge of the Family Court of Suffolk County. He advised that in 1962, Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the Family Court of Suffolk County.

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He stated that he has always held the ROCKEFELLER family in high regard for personal and public integrity. He advised that he knows nothing in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background which would reflect unfavorably on his character, loyalty or morals. He advised that from his experience with Mr. ROCKEFELLER in the above two capacities, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has always exercised good, executive judgement in the discharge of his responsibilities as Governor of the State of New York. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has served in the past, in public positions both in the United States Government and as former New York State Governor, and he feels that from this experience, he will make an excellent Vice-President. He stated that he is not cognizant of ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings and therefore could not comment concerning them, however, he does feel that judging from his outstanding integrity, there is nothing in his background , which if made public, would embarrass the office of the President or Vice-President of the United States. He advised that if he had the opportunity to vote for the confirmation of ROCKEFELLER he would do so.

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On August 22, 1974, Judge JOHN G. McCARTHY, New York State Supreme Court, Riverhead, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known ROCKEFELLER for a very long time and served in the New York State Assembly for twelve years when he was Governor of New York State. He stated that he considers him to be a man whose integrity and reputation are above reproach. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American and he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him. He, McCARTHY, does not believe that ROCKEFELLER has ever done anything and will not do anything to embarrass the President of the United States or the position of Vice-President. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at White Plains, New York (NY): b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, HAROLD WOOD, Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he met the nominee when the latter appointed him Family Court Judge in 1969. In 1971, Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed Mr. WOOD Westchester County Judge and then later to his present position.

Mr. WOOD stated that he does not know the nominee personally, but that he has met him at his various appointments and at numerous political events. He stated that he considered the appointment of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President "superb." He advised that the nominee had more energy than anyone he ever met, that he was always in control in any given situation, that he was resourceful and had an excellent mind. Mr. WOOD knew of nothing that would preclude his recommending Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, J. RAYMOND SIRAGNANO, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he first met the nominee when the latter appointed him Westchester County Judge in 1966. Since that time, he has been at many political functions where Mr. ROCKEFELLER was also present.

Mr. SIRAGNANO stated that the nominee was one of the most capable individuals on the American political scene. He characterized Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a human dynamo, and felt he would make an excellent and outstanding Vice President. He stated that President FORD made the best possible choice he could have in Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, JOHN MARBACH, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he has known the nominee since 1957, chiefly by reputation, although he has had some official contact with him.

Mr. MARBACH stated that he felt Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President was the right choice for the country. He stated that the nominee's willingness to serve was an established fact, and cited his long experience in government and involvement in foreign affairs, chiefly in South America. Mr. MARBACH felt that the nominee would make an excellent Vice President and recommended him highly for the position.

On August 22, 1974, GEORGE D. BURCHELL, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER only once when the latter appointed him to the bench in 1969. He has followed the nominee's career closely, however, and stated that he considered the nominee to be extremely capable and "tops in his book." He felt that the nominee combined ability with personality, good judgment and integrity. Mr. BURCHELL stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice President and recommended him highly for the position.

On August 23, 1974, MORRIS SLIFKIN, New York State Supreme Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he was a long-time resident of Tarrytown, NY, and that his knowledge of the ROCKEFELLER family goes back to his childhood. He stated he became acquainted with the nominee when the latter first ran for Governor of New York State. He stated that the ROCKEFELLERs were a family of great sense and sound training, and they always wielded the power that came with great wealth very closely. He considered the nominee to be one of the finest figures on the American political scene and stated that he was intelligent and possessed great expertise. Mr. SLIFKIN stated that the nominee was well qualified for the position, and noted that his greatest asset as a public servant was his ability to know when to speak and know when not to speak. He felt that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President was an excellent choice and recommended the latter highly for the position.

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On August 22, 1974, THEODORE DACHENHAUSEN, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he first met the nominee when the latter appointed him Family Court Judge in February, 1971. He has met the nominee on three or four occasions since then at political functions. He characterized the nominee as one of the top politicians in America and stated his credentials were impeccable, that he was a perfect gentleman, and that he was "clean as a hound's tooth." He has never heard of the nominee being intemperate or abusing his position or authority. Mr. DACHENHAUSEN knew of absolutely nothing disparaging concerning the nominee, and felt he was a perfect choice for the position of Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, ISAAC RUBEN, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he has known the nominee approximately five years, and stated that he has had some dealings with the latter when he was president of the Westchester County Bar Association. Mr. RUBEN stated that President FORD's choice of the nominee as Vice President was the "finest appointment possible." He stated that the nominee's experience in politics and his knowledge of international affairs and administrative experience made him a perfect choice for the position. Mr. RUBEN recommended the nominee highly.

On August 22, 1974, JAMES CARUSO, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised that he has known the nominee since 1957 as a member of the Republican Party and as a neighbor. Mr. CARUSO stated that he considered the nominee to be "A-Number One" in all respects. He considered the nominee to be a man of integrity, honor, great ability, experience and good judgment. He felt that the nominee was one of the most prominent figures on the political scene and recommended him highly for the position of Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, HERBERT BLISS, Westchester County Court Justice, White Plains, NY, advised he has known the nominee since 1957, mostly as a result of their political affiliations. He characterized the nominee as an outstanding citizen who is extremely well qualified for the position of Vice President. He considers the nominee as a very fair individual, thoughtful, a fine family man, and well respected by everyone who met him. Mr. BLISS stated that he feels President FORD's choice of the nominee as the best possible one he could have made, and recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER highly for the position.

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Supreme Court Judge ROBERT C. WILLIAMS, Monticello, Sullivan County, New York, Republican, advised SAS [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he considers former Governor ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding public servant who would be good for the country and he wholeheartedly recommended him for the position. b6 b7C

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On August 23, 1974, ALFRED D. LERNER, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, residing at 16 Cecil Court, Huntington, New York, was contacted and advised that he served as a New York State Assemblyman from 1957 to 1971. He advised that he first met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER during his first campaign for Governor of New York. He advised that during the years he has known ROCKEFELLER mainly on a professional basis, but has attended social functions held by the ROCKEFELLERs. He advised that he had met both ROCKEFELLER's first and second wife but did not know them well.

LERNER advised that ROCKEFELLER is one of the most loyal and trustworthy individuals he has ever met. He described the nominee as "one of the greatest Americans of our times". He stated that the nominee overwhelmingly possesses all the qualifications necessary to be the Vice President of the United States. LERNER stated he is in no way aware of any discriminatory or unpatriotic organizations ROCKEFELLER may have been associated with.

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The following judges of the Appellate Division, First Department, Supreme Court of New York, New York, New York, were contacted on August 22, 1974 by Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C

Judge ARTHUR MARKEWITZ advised that he is not acquainted with the nominee.

Judge THEODORE R. KUPFERMAN advised he has known the nominee for sixteen years and thinks very highly of him. He said the nominee was an exceptionally fine person who was talented, capable, intelligent, and honest. He said he knows nothing in the nominee's background that would embarrass the nominee or the United States government. He said his character, reputation, and loyalty are above reproach and recommended him without reservation.

Judge LOUIS J. CAPOZZOLI, a Democrat, advised he has known the nominee for fifteen years and considers him to be an exceptionally fine person about whom he knows nothing derogatory. He said the nominee is a hard worker who is intelligent, honest, and dedicated. He said he knows nothing in the nominee's background that would embarrass either the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty are excellent and recommended him without reservation.

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Judge LAWRENCE H. COOKE, Appellate Division, Sullivan County Courthouse, Monticello, New York, advised SAS [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he knows of nothing which would be a barrier to the appointment of former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President of the United States. He stated, however, that he did not wish his comments to be construed as an endorsement of former Governor ROCKEFELLER because as a judicial candidate for election this year he did not feel that it would be proper for him to endorse the Governor for this position.

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On August 22, 1974, the following judges of the Civil Court of the City of New York, Kings County Branch, Brooklyn, New York, were contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C

Judge JOSEPH P. IMPERATO, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. ROCKEFELLER and that the only thing he knows about NELSON ROCKEFELLER is what he reads about him in the newspapers or hears about him from the news media. He stated what he sees or reads about NELSON ROCKEFELLER is hearsay, but that he and his family hope and pray that President FORD and NELSON ROCKEFELLER are the answers to our prayers for the future of our country. He stated that he is neither for nor against NELSON ROCKEFELLER, but that ROCKEFELLER did a very fine job as Governor of the State of New York, even though he (IMPERATO) is a Democrat. He said that NELSON ROCKEFELLER proved to be a very good administrator as Governor of New York and that he believes President FORD has made a pretty good choice in nominating NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-President post.

Judge BERNARD KLIEGER, [redacted] advised that he has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER and that he would not comment on this individual. He stated that it is his belief that it is highly improper for a judge to comment regarding a political candidate.

Judge SAMUEL A. WELCOME, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, advised that he met ROCKEFELLER once at some sort of political gathering years ago. He stated that he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment concerning him. He did state that even though he is not of the same political persuasion as Mr. ROCKEFELLER, that he believes President FORD has made a fine choice in recommending ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidential post. He stated that he does not know of anything which would be deleterious of Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he would recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidential post.

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Judge LESTER SACKS, [redacted], Brooklyn, New York, advised that he knew Mr. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER when he was Governor from about 1959. He stated he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER when he, (SACKS), was Counsel for the New York State Senate, Finance Committee. He said that he could furnish no derogatory information regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, associates and reputation. He stated that he, (SACKS), is a Democrat, and he considers Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be a very honorable and reputable individual. He is very pleased that President FORD saw fit to nominate Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the post of Vice President. He said that he would highly endorse Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination for Vice President.

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Supreme Court Division

On August 21, 1974, Judge WILLIAM G. GIACCIO, [redacted] b6 b7C New York, advised that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally and regards him as a person of excellent intelligence and conduct, a gentleman of the highest standard who has no financial problems, and nothing in his personal history that would be a problem. Judge GIACCIO stated he would certainly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER as the new Vice President due to his proven ability as Governor of New York State.

On August 21, 1974, Judge SEYMOUR BOYERS, [redacted] New York, advised he served two years in the New York State Assembly during ROCKEFELLER's Governorship. BOYERS describes ROCKEFELLER as an honorable, reputable man of integrity, and he knows of no improprieties regarding ROCKEFELLER and highly recommends him as the new Vice President of the United States.

On August 21, 1974, Judge KENNETH N. BROWNE, [redacted] New York, advised that he served in the State Legislature as an Assemblyman from 1965 to 1968, and was in contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER occasionally. BROWNE describes ROCKEFELLER as a decent person with nothing to mitigate his excellence, and highly recommends him as the new Vice President.

On August 21, 1974, Judge FREDERICK E. HAMMER, [redacted] New York, advised that Judge HAMMER was appointed by NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an outstanding individual and highly recommends him for Vice President of the United States.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge ANN B. DUFFICY, [redacted] New York, advised she does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally or professionally, and does not wish to make a comment regarding his nomination as Vice President.

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Bronx County Branch
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On August 21, 1974, Judge ALFRED J. CALLAHAN, [redacted] Bronx, New York, advised that he has no personal knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and desired to make no comment regarding his possible appointment as Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Judge JOSEPH DI FEDE, [redacted] Bronx, New York, advised that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER from the past due to the fact that he was appointed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the State Labor Relations Board of New York State. Judge DI FEDE regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man of high integrity, good reputation, extremely intelligent and qualified, and an excellent choice for a Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, Judge JOSEPH COHEN, [redacted] Bronx, New York, advised that he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally, but regards him as a man to step in at this appropriate time to restore integrity in the United States Government, and highly recommends him as the Vice Presidential nominee.

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Bronx County Branch
Civil Division

On August 22, 1974, Judge VINCENT N. TRIMARCO, [redacted] Bronx, New York, advised he does not personally know Mr. ROCKEFELLER, but regards him as a man of integrity, honesty, and a wise selection as the new Vice President, and he highly recommends him.

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On August 22, 1974, Judge HAROLD J. SILBERMANN, [redacted] Bronx, New York, advised he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally or socially, but regards him as an outstanding selection for Vice President due to his past record as Governor of New York, and regards him as a man with a tremendous reputation.

On August 22, 1974, Judge DOROTHY E. KENT, [redacted] Bronx, New York, stated she has never met Mr. ROCKEFELLER, but regards him as an outstanding man based upon his record as Governor of New York, and recommends him for the Vice Presidency. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Judge SIDNEY H. ROSEN, [redacted] Bronx, New York, stated that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER only as any other private citizen would know him, has never met Mr. ROCKEFELLER socially or professionally, and can not vouch for the Vice Presidential nomination, his character or ability, except to the point of reading about him in the newspapers. He said he did not wish to make any further comment regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

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Queens County Branch
Civil Division

On August 21, 1974, Judge ANGELO GRACI, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] New York, stated that he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER but regards him as an outstanding choice for Vice President of the United States.

On August 21, 1974, Judge ABRAHAM R. MARGULIES, [redacted] New York, advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a member of the opposite political party, but regards the Vice Presidential nominee as an outstanding person of great integrity, and highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, Judge THOMAS A. DUFFY, [redacted] New York; advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER socially for a lengthy period of time and regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a hard working man of great integrity and intelligence, and highly recommends him as the new Vice President of the United States.

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On August 23, 1974 Judge THOMAS V. LA FAUCI, [redacted], Long Island City, New York, stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man of character, fortitude, determination and great integrity, and highly recommends him as the Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Judge SEYMOUR LAKRITZ, [redacted] New York, stated he did not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER and did not wish to comment regarding his nomination as Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, Judge GEORGE J. BALBACH, New York City Criminal Court, [redacted] New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted] Judge BALBACH stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions, but was not a ROCKEFELLER appointee to the court. Judge BALBACH advised that he was formerly the Grand Marshal of the Steuben Parade, a function generally attended by the Governor of New York and Mayor of New York City. Judge BALBACH stated that ROCKEFELLER had in fact attended that function. Judge BALBACH further advised that he did not know the nominee on a personal basis and has never been at nominee's home. He advised that his knowledge of ROCKEFELLER is limited and he knows essentially what other people knew from the press about him. He stated that from what he knows he has confidence in the nominee, although differing with him in certain political philosophies. He advised he feels ROCKEFELLER did a good job as Governor, and can be trusted in public office.

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Judge BALBACH did, however, state that due to his position as a judicial officer, he would decline to comment on ROCKEFELLER as nominee to the Vice Presidency of the United States. Judge BALBACH stated he did not know nominee well enough to comment on organizations in which the nominee may have been a member.

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On August 22, 1974, Judge WILLIAM S. SHEA, New York City Criminal Court, [redacted] New York, New York, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] Jr. Judge SHEA advised that he was appointed as a Criminal Court Judge by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on June 7, 1966. Judge SHEA stated that he has met ROCKEFELLER and has attended many social and political functions where ROCKEFELLER was present, but did not know nominee on a personal basis. He advised that from his own personal observation and knowledge, ROCKEFELLER always conducted himself in a gentlemanly manner, displaying what Judge SHEA described as self-confidence, courtesy towards others, and a favorable disposition and attitude. As far as nominee's ability, reputation, and character, Judge SHEA stated that although he did not know nominee personally, he believes nominee excels in these categories. Judge SHEA advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent choice for Vice President, and that from his observation of nominee in public office, he appears honest, above board, with good and sincere political philosophies.

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Judge SHEA advised he knows of no organizations advocating discrimination or having discriminatory policies in which the nominee holds membership.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge LARRY M. VETRANO, New York City Criminal Court, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted] b6 b7C Judge VETRANO advised that he had not been appointed to his present position by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER but has met ROCKEFELLER. Judge VETRANO advised that he does not know nominee on a personal basis but had attended several political and social functions where ROCKEFELLER was present. Judge VETRANO stated that these functions were always attended by at least one hundred people and that he had no close contact with nominee. Judge VETRANO advised that he became familiar with ROCKEFELLER and his policies through his administration of the courts, their procedures and their problems as regulated by the state. He stated that he would make his judgements concerning nominee through the many actions and accomplishments of nominee, as well as what he has seen and heard from other sources. Judge VETRANO stated that to the best of his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER leaves very little to be desired and where possible he would attest to ROCKEFELLER's abilities and character strictly from previous observations. Judge VETRANO stated he believes ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President. He said he knows of no organization memberships on the part of the nominee.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge THOMAS G. WEAVER, New York City Criminal Court, [redacted] New York, New York, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C Judge WEAVER stated that he was the Special Assistant to the State Commissioner on Human Rights at the time of his appointment as Criminal Court Judge. Judge WEAVER advised that ROCKEFELLER was Governor at the time of his appointment but does not know if he was appointed directly by ROCKEFELLER.

He stated he does not known ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis and has not socialized with him. He advised, however, that he has attended social functions, dinners, and banquets where ROCKEFELLER was present. Judge WEAVER stated that from appearances at these functions, ROCKEFELLER spoke and conducted himself very well. Although Judge WEAVER did not know the nominee personally, he advised that from his vantage point, what he has seen and heard, and what he has observed from the opinions of others, he would have to give ROCKEFELLER the highest rating. Judge WEAVER advised he believes the nominee to be a highly qualified and fine public servant. Judge WEAVER advised he knows of no organizations in which the nominee holds membership.

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On August 22, 1974, Judge MORRIS SCHWALB, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York City, furnished SA [redacted] with the following information concerning the Vice Presidential nominee NELSON ROCKEFELLER: b6 b7C

He stated that he first met the nominee about sixteen years ago when nominee was campaigning for Governor of New York, and has associated with him off and on until about five years ago when he (SCHWALB) was appointed to the bench. He stated that before being appointed to the bench, he was the Republican Law Chairman of the Bronx, New York, and in that capacity he was in almost constant contact with the nominee through party functions. He stated that he has no questions concerning the nominee's moral character, honesty, reputation, or his capacity as an administrator. SCHWALB stated that he knew of no organizations in which the nominee held membership. He further stated that it is his personal opinion that ROCKEFELLER was an excellent choice for Vice President.

On August 22, 1974, Judge BERNARD MOLDOW, New York City Criminal Court, 120 Schermehorn Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished SA [redacted] the following information:

He stated that he did not know the nominee personally and he knew of no derogatory information concerning him. He stated that ROCKEFELLER had an excellent reputation as Governor of New York State and was a very capable administrator. He stated that he feels the nominee would make an excellent Vice President and would be a capable President.

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On August 22, 1974, Judge WILLIAM F. SUGLIA, New York City Criminal Court, 120 Schermehorn Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

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SUGLIA stated that he did not know the nominee personally, however, he might have met him once or twice before being appointed to the bench. He stated that he knows nothing derogatory about the nominee and in his opinion he had been a good Governor of the State of New York. He stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER would make a fine Vice President and would be an asset to the White House.

On August 22, 1974, Judge JOSEPH STONE, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent ROBERT J. SISK that he was introduced to NELSON ROCKEFELLER, and that he regards him as a man of excellent character and reputation. He said that he feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER is very capable and in his opinion makes a fine nominee for the Office of Vice-President.

He further stated that he has heard nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, Judge SHIRLEY LEVITAN, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York advised Special Agent ROBERT J. SISK that she has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER at a number of public functions, but is not closely associated with him.

She stated that she regards him as a man of high character and integrity, and she feels that he is a capable person and worthy of the nomination to the Office of Vice-President of the United States.

She stated that she has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee, and she would recommend him for this position of trust with the United States Government.

On August 23, 1974, Judge EUGENE R. CANADO, Supreme Court, Kings County, New York advised Special Agent SISK that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but that he feels the nominee would make a very good Vice President of the United States. He stated that he feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a very capable individual and an outstanding leader in the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Judge ALOYSIUS MALIA, New York County Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York advised SA SISK that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but that he has great respect for the nominee as a man and a political leader. He stated he could furnish no information which could be regarded as derogatory toward the nominee. He stated that he feels he is very capable and would make a fine leader in the United States Government.

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Judge MORTON B. SILBERMAN, Justice of the Supreme Court, County of Rockland, New City, New York, advised SA HUGH G. FORD on August 22, 1974, that he has personally known the nominee since 1962 and considers the nominee to be a person of outstanding reputation and ability. He advised that to his knowedge, the nominee appears to be a person of good character, associates and is a loyal citizen of the United States.

Judge JOHN SCHAN, Surrogate, County of Rockland, New City, New York, advised SA FORD on August 22, 1974, that he has never had any personal association with the nominee but stated that he has been in public life for twenty years both as a District Attorney and as a Judge in Rockland County and that no information has ever come to his attention which would reflect unfavorably on the nominee's reputation, character, ability and loyalty to the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. KENT:

On August 23, 1974, Greene County Judge HENRY F. WERKER, Catskill, New York, advised he has known the nominee for 25 years, having been affiliated with the law firm in New York City which handled the ROCKEFELLER interests. Throughout the years, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has impressed him as an administrator of exceptional ability, a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty, and he considers him an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency.

On August 23, 1974, Greene County Judge JOHN J. FROMER, Catskill, New York; Ulster County Judge RAYMOND J. MINO, Kingston, New York; and New York State Supreme Court Justice JOHN L. LARKIN, Kingston, New York, all advised they have had only infrequent contacts with the nominee when he was in their respective areas on political campaigns or at ceremonial affairs, and they are not personally acquainted with him. They all consider him to be a man of outstanding character, reputation and loyalty, and know of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency.

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Judge ROBERT J. STOLARIK, County Court Judge, County of Rockland, New City, New York, advised SA HUGH G. FORD on August 22, 1974, that he has known the nominee for the past ten years. He explained that his association with the nominee has been through various political dinners and functions. He said that to his knowledge, the nominee's reputation is above reproach and no information of an unfavorable nature has ever come to his attention concerning the nominee's character, loyalty and associates.

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On August 23, 1974, RAYMOND C. BARATTA, Dutchess County Surrogate Judge, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised that he has had limited contact with the nominee on a professional basis for approximately 15 years. He said he has found ROCKEFELLER to be a person of integrity who impressed him as honorable and intelligent. He said the nominee was personable and affable, and he has never heard anyone say anything detrimental concerning his character, reputation, loyalty or associations. He was of the opinion that the nominee would make a good Vice President and felt the appointment was in the best interest of the Government.

On August 22, 1974, Dutchess County Judge JOSEPH JUIDICE, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for over 15 years. He feels the nominee's background is immaculate, and he has always found him to be fair, even-handed, and compassionate of others. He considers him to be an outstanding public servant of complete integrity and honesty. Judge JUIDICE said the nominee has been totally dedicated to the democratic principles, and considers him to be a person who has always unselfishly put the good of his Government ahead of any personal considerations.

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Surrogate's Court (New York County)
31 Chambers Street
New York, New York

On August 22, 1974, Judge MILLARD L. MIDONICK advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for many years, usually meeting at various public functions. He advised that although he adheres to a different political philosophy, he finds himself agreeing with the nominee "95 per cent of the time". Judge MIDONICK stated that he has the highest admiration for the nominee and feels that he is "the best possible choice for the country." He advised ROCKEFELLER, if approved by the United States Congress, will be able to lure excellent people to Government service. He knows absolutely nothing derogatory concerning the nominee's public or private life and has no doubt as to his loyalty. He recommended ROCKEFELLER to the Vice Presidency without reservation.

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Surrogate's Court (Kings County)
Two Johnson Street
Brooklyn, New York

On August 22, 1974, Judge NATHAN R. SOBEL advised SA [redacted] that he has been acquainted with the nominee for over twenty years as he (SOBEL) was Chief Counsel to former New York Governor ALFRED LEHMAN. Judge SOBEL, a Democrat, advised he considers the nominee to be a gracious gentleman and man of unquestioned integrity. He advised the nominee is perfect for the position of Vice President as he will bring his tremendous energy and zeal to the job. ROCKEFELLER is a most brilliant and thorough man who is genuinely delightful to be around. He is a man of unquestioned loyalty about whom nothing derogatory is known. He advised ROCKEFELLER is a "tough, no nonsense guy" whose stature is desperately needed on the national scene. Judge SOBEL highly endorsed ROCKEFELLER's nomination to the Vice Presidency.

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Surrogate's Court (Queens County)
88-11 Sutphin Boulevard
Jamaica, New York

On August 22, 1974, Judge LOUIS D. LAURINO advised SA [redacted] that he has been acquainted with the nominee since the early 1960's. He advised the nominee is a man of extraordinary good character and integrity. ROCKEFELLER is a man of outstanding expertise and his nomination "just might turn the country around in the right direction." ROCKEFELLER has never been known to distort any issue and he can handle himself well under any circumstances. Judge LAURINO knows nothing derogatory about the nominee's family, personal or professional life. ROCKEFELLER is undoubtedly loyal to a democratic form of government and he is highly recommended.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge WILLIAM BERMAN, Brooklyn Family Court, 283 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has met the nominee on approximately one dozen occasions, most of them taking place when ROCKEFELLER was running for Governor of New York State and he, BERMAN, was connected with the Kings County Republican Committee Speakers Bureau, and arranged tours for the Governor. He stated that all of his contacts were very pleasant, and he found the nominee to be an outgoing, enthusiastic, courteous and decent individual. He stated that he has no reason to question the nominee's character, habits or loyalty to the United States in any way, and feels that his selection for the Vice Presidency is an excellent choice.

On August 23, 1974, Judge M. HOLT MEYER, Brooklyn Family Court, 283 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has known the nominee casually for many years. He explained that his, MEYER's, father, who is now deceased, worked in Standard Oil Company and later in the Government with the nominee, and he was always a strong supporter of the nominee. He stated that his contacts with the nominee have been casualy, but that he always regarded him as an extremely capable man of total integrity, who had an enormous capacity for work and dedication to the Government. He stated that he endorses his selection as Vice President wholeheartedly.

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Family Court Judge LOUIS B. SCHEINMAN, Monticello, New York, Republican, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that former Governor ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding individual and public servant who would be good for the country and whom he would unhesitatingly recommend for the Vice Presidency. b6 b7C

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XIV. INTERVIEW OF JUDGES (FEDERAL)

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

The following are United States District Judges in the Southern District of New York:

Honorable JOHN M. CANELLA advised that he has known the nominee for approximately eight years and stated that he is a close personal friend. CANELLA stated he considers the nominee a nice person, easy to get along with, and of the highest integrity. He stated that he thinks the nominee is a good man for the job and that he knows of nothing in his background that would cause embarrassment either to the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee was not devious and was a good family man. He stated that his character, reputation, and loyalty were good and recommended him highly for the position. It is noted that CANELLA is a Democrat.

Honorable ROBERT L. CARTER advised he has known the nominee for more than five years and has always admired him. He stated that he knew absolutely nothing derogatory regarding him, that he is capable, honest, and would make an excellent Vice President. He said he knew nothing in the nominee's background that would embarrass either him or the United States government. He recommended him without reservation.

Honorable LEE P. GAGLIARDI, Republican, advised that he has met the nominee casually while campaigning and that he knew nothing derogatory regarding the nominee. He stated that he knew nothing in his background to embarrass either him or the United States government and stated he feels the nominee would make an excellent Vice President. He recommended the nominee without reservation for the position.

Honorable MURRAY L. GURFEIN, a Republican, advised he has known the nominee on and off for twenty years but was not a close personal friend. He said the nominee in his opinion was a wonderful person about whom he knew nothing derogatory. He said the nominee had nothing in his background to embarrass either him or the United States Government and that his character, reputation, and loyalty were above reproach. He recommended the nominee highly for the position.

Honorable MORRIS E. LASKER, a Democrat, advised that he has met the nominee once or twice and thinks very highly of him although he stated he had never voted for him. He said he knows absolutely nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and recommends him highly for the position.

Honorable LAWRENCE W. PIERCE stated that he was a former Democrat and has been a Republican for four years. He stated he has known the nominee for about twelve years and said that he is a vibrant and active problem solver and is a doer, not just a leader. He stated that it was exciting to work with him and that he was a unique individual. He stated that he knew nothing in the nominee's background to embarrass either him or the United States government and that his character, reputation, and loyalty were above reproach. He recommended the nominee without reservation for the position.

Honorable CHARLES H. TENNEY, a Democrat, advised he has known the nominee for twenty years and has a great admiration for and confidence in him. He said the nominee is of the highest integrity and that he knows nothing in his background that would embarrass the nominee or the United States government. TENNEY advised he recommends the nominee without reservation for the position.

Honorable HAROLD R. TYLER, JR., a Republican, advised he has known the nominee for thirteen years and was appointed by the nominee in 1961 to the New York Waterfront Commission. He said he thinks very highly of him and that he is extremely energetic, talented, competent, and impressive. He said he knew absolutely nothing derogatory regarding him and that he recommends him highly for the position.

The following federal judges were contacted on August 22, 1974 and advised that they did not know the nominee well enough to comment about him:

Honorable IRVING BEN COOPER
Honorable KEVIN T. DUFFY
Honorable MARVIN E. FRANKEL
Honorable CONSTANCE B. MOTLEY

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Honorable RICHARD OWEN
Honorable SYLVESTER J. RYAN
Honorable ROBERT J. WARD
Honorable INZER B. WYATT

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United States Court Of Appeals
Second Circuit
United States Court House
Foley Square
New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Honorable HAROLD R. MEDINA (Senior) advised he has known the nominee for many years and feels his nomination to the Vice Presidency is absolutely outstanding. He knows nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and described him as a "great and wonderful man."

On August 22, 1974, Honorable HENRY J. FRIENDLY (Senior) advised he is very slightly acquainted with the nominee and did a little work on behalf of ROCKEFELLER'S first gubernatorial campaign. He advised he has always been highly impressed with the nominee and feels ROCKEFELLER will be able to attract very bright people into responsible government service. He advised he was delighted with President FORD'S choice and feels it was the "best possible choice for the country." He recommended ROCKEFELLER highly.

On August 22, 1974, Honorable PAUL R. HAYS advised he has no comments to proffer concerning any favorable or unfavorable information he might have concerning the ROCKEFELLER nomination.

On August 22, 1974, Honorable WILFRED FEINBERG advised through his Law Clerk, GARY COHEN, that he had no comment concerning the nominee and no objection to his nomination.

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On August 22, 1974, Honorable IRVING R. KAUFMAN, Chief Judge, advised through his secretary, [redacted] b6 b7C that he desires not to comment concerning ROCKEFELLER'S nomination and knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

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ON AUGUST 25, 1974, MRS. CHARLES F. STOCKMEISTER, [redacted] NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT MR. STOCKMEISTER IS NOT AT HIS [redacted] NY RESIDENCE, AND THAT MR. STOCKMEISTER COULD BE LOCATED ON MONDAY MORNING AT HIS OFFICE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BUILDING, STATE OFFICE CAMPUS, ALBANY, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

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ALBANY INTERVIEW STOCKMEISTER RE ACCUSATION OF HERBERT A. POSNER, NYS ASSEMBLYMAN, NEW YORK CITY THAT ROCKEFELLER BOUGHT FAVORABLE VOTE FROM FORMER DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMAN STOCKMEISTER TO VOTE IN VOR OF INCREASING NYS SALES TAX.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

When interviewed on August 22, 1974, Mr. ROCKEFELLER advised that he and his former wife agreed, at the time of their divorce, that the terms of their financial settlement C.N. 293, 981

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would never be divulged. In the event it is necessary to interview his former wife, Mr. ROCKEFELLER requested that the former wife be specifically advised that the divorce financial settlement has not been divulged by Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. ROCKEFELLER also related that in the event it is necessary to interview his current wife's former husband, Dr. JAMES S. MURPHY, he, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, wanted to be informed prior to the interview. He advised that Dr. MURPHY is rather emotional in regard to this divorce and feels Dr. MURPHY and the FBI would benefit greatly by his wife notifying Dr. MURPHY before the interview. He stated that neither he nor his wife had any objection to Dr. MURPHY being interviewed.

According to Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he has set up trust funds for his children and he would, if considered pertinent, furnish this detailed information to the FBI. However, he specifically requested that this data not be divulged to the press as it would cause personal embarrassment and serious family problems.

The further interview of Mr. ROCKEFELLER concerning his financial dealings and matters was conducted by SA HENEHAN who will separately report this information.

United States Government records referred to in this report on pages 51 and 52 are the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (1) Will conduct additional investigation at White House Office.

(2) Will interview Honorable WILLIAM MC CHESNEY MARTIN.

(3) Will interview Mr. SOL M. LINOWITZ.

(4) Will interview [redacted] b6 b7C

(5) Will interview Mr. ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Chairman Democratic National Committee.

(6) Will interview [redacted]

(7) Will interview Mr. VICTOR LASKY.

(8) Will interview additional individuals from the labor, civil rights and news media field.

(9) Will check records regarding covenants on property and tax liens.

(10) Will check IRS records.

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Synopsis: Background information set forth as provided by nominee. Records of the Personnel Office and Records Office, White House Office, set forth. Members of U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives interviewed. Members of Senate and House Leadership highly endorsed nominee. Congressman PIKE (New York) has grave doubts concerning nominee's governmental morals due to large amounts of money spent by him on his gubernatorial campaigns and the sources of these funds and would not recommend. Congressman BADILLO (New York) charged nominee had used extremely poor judgement in his handling of the prison revolt at Attica and would reserve final recommendation of nominee pending the latter's testimony before Congress. Representative HOLTZMAN (New York) advised of rumor concerning nominee's campaign funding but could not substantiate validity. Representative MURPHY (New York) criticized nominee's handling of riot at Attica. All other New York delegates interviewed commented favorably. Comments of political, news media, civil rights and labor leaders set forth. Club memberships verified. Credit and police agency checks negative. HEW-Security reflects nominee formerly held Top Secret clearance. CSC, Library of Congress, State-Security, and Passport records set forth. HCIS and Secret Service negative.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

It is noted that this report includes the results of an applicant-type investigation of the nominee which was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1969 as well as the results of the current inquiries.

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INTERVIEW WITH NOMINEE

The nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SAs GEORGE E. SAUNDERS and JOSEPH E. HENEHAN. ROBERT DOUGLASS, Counsel to Mr. ROCKEFELLER, was present during the interview.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER offered his complete cooperation and assistance, adding he would make available all appropriate records. He also said he would be available for personal interview should any questions arise during the investigation.

He mentioned that the terms of the divorce between his present wife and her former husband, Dr. JAMES S. MURPHY, were that the children would remain in the custody of Dr. MURPHY until they reached age 18. At age 18 they were free to make their own choice as to where they would reside. These children reside at the ROCKEFELLER residence on an intermittent basis.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER stated there is nothing in his divorce record that could be embarrassing, adding the public was fully informed of this situation when he spoke before the television cameras in his 1964 campaign for the Presidential nomination by the Republican Party.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER related he resides with his wife, MARGARETTA ("HAPPY"), and their two minor children, [redacted] He said he is in fine physical condition. He underwent a complete physical examination about a year ago and received an excellent report. He indicated he has informed his personal physician, [redacted] United States Steel Building, New York City, to furnish all necessary information to the FBI concerning his health. b6 b7C

According to Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he is aware of nothing in his background or past activities that could possibly embarrass him or the President. He said his Counsel, Mr. DOUGLASS, would furnish any additional information that might be required. Mr. DOUGLASS will also furnish a list of his organizational memberships. He mentioned the law firm of MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY, and MC COY, New York City, would furnish a complete list of his family members and their current addresses.

He furnished the following names of individuals who have known him as a close personal associate over the years:

Dr. WILLIAM RONAN, Dean, New York University.

OSCAR RUEBHANSEN, Attorney at Law, New York City.

GEORGE HINMAN and JOHN LOCKWOOD, Attorneys at Law, law firm of MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY, and MC COY, New York City.

W. K. "WALLY" HARRISON, Architect, New York City.

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White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

The files of the Personnel Office, WHO, contain the following record for the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER:

6/11/53	Presidential appointment - Under Secretary Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).
12/22/54	Resignation as Under Secretary HEW - to accept another position.
12/23/54	Presidential appointment (without compensation), Special Assistant to the President, WHO.
12/21/55	Resignation from Presidential appointment.
3/20/69	Presidential appointment as Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Currently serving as a Member.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

The files of the Records Office, WHO, contain the following information concerning the nominee:

1/24/53	Presidential letter, Member of the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization.
9/28/56	Representative of the President with rank of Special Ambassador for the Inauguration of the President Elect of Panama.

1/16/58	Press release, Member, Armed Forces Museum Committee.
9/21/60	Letter of Credence, Personal Representative of the President with the rank of Special Ambassador to attend the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the Independence of Nigeria.
11/10/65	Commission dated and signed by the President. Member of the Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations - term of two years.
11/10/67	Commission dated and signed by the President regarding reappointment to above Advisory Committee.
3/21/69	Commission dated.
3/26/69	Commission signed by the President, Member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Board.
3/15/73.	Commission dated.
3/19/73	Commission signed by the President, Member of the National Study Commission.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.

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United States Senate

The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on August 22, 1974:

United States Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, Mississippi, President Pro Tempore, advised he had just recently met the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, and he does not know of anything of a derogatory nature regarding his character, loyalty, associates, or reputation. He stated, in his opinion, the President of the United States should have his choice as to a Vice President, and he would recommend the nominee for this position.

United States Senator MIKE MANSFIELD, Montana, Majority Floor Leader, advised he has known the nominee for the past 32 years personally and politically. He considers him to be a very good choice. He is very capable, experienced, dependable, honest, and trustworthy. He has served with him on the Committee on Critical Choices, a committee set up by the nominee after he resigned his position as Governor of the State of New York. This committee was established to study the problems facing the nation, such as inflation, and the like. The nominee is broadly experienced in government matters and his executive capacity and administrative ability are outstanding. He is fair and equitable in all his dealings. Senator MANSFIELD vouched for his reputation, associates, moral habits, and loyalty to the country. The nominee is a highly competent and nobly motivated man who would make an excellent Vice President of the United States. He so endorsed him without qualification.

United States Senator HUGH SCOTT, Pennsylvania, Minority Leader, advised he has known the nominee politically, socially, and personally for the past 25 years. He stated he considers him to be one of the most able persons in the United States. His record and his background are outstanding.

He is very experienced, dependable, and trustworthy, and comes from a fine family. He is stable and mature. His character, loyalty, associates, and reputation are above reproach. He highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Senator ROBERT C. BYRD, West Virginia, Majority Whip, advised he had previously recommended the nominee to the President of the United States for the position of Vice President, and he continues to endorse him. He has known the nominee politically since the early 1960s and has known him on a close personal basis for the past year. He is a discreet, honest, dependable, and trustworthy person who is broadly experienced. He is very capable. He vouched for his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation.

United States Senator ROBERT P. GRIFFIN, Michigan, Assistant Minority Leader, advised he has known the nominee casually since 1957. The nominee has a fine record. His character, loyalty, associates, and reputation have never been doubted. He recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Senator JOHN G. TOWER, Texas, Chairman, Republican Policy Committee, related he has known the nominee politically for the past 15 years. He stated he considers him to be "top-notch" in all respects. He vouched for his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. He endorsed him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Senator NORRIS COTTON, New Hampshire, Chairman, Republican Conference of the United States Senate, advised he has known the nominee personally and politically since 1960. He stated the nominee is his first choice for the position of Vice President of the United States. He is an outstanding American, who is experienced, capable, honest, dependable, and trustworthy. He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation.

When interviewed, United States Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, New York, stated the nominee was his recommendation to the President as the best qualified candidate for the position of Vice President of the United States. The nominee has been known to him on a social and political basis since the early 1940s. For the past 26 years he and the nominee have been intimate personal friends. The nominee is a patriotic, honest, and discreet citizen with impeccable habits. He has keen penetration and judgement, and is discerning and farsighted. He is an outstanding executive who is balanced in his views. The nominee believes in equal rights for all people. He is sober, energetic, and highly competent. He served admirably as Governor of the State of New York for about 16 years. He enjoys an extremely high reputation as an upstanding and law abiding individual. Senator JAVITS continues to endorse him for the above position.

United States Senator JAMES L. BUCKLEY, New York, advised he has known the nominee politically since 1970. He stated although he and the nominee differ in their political philosophy, he respects the nominee's views. He has not had close association with the nominee. He is aware of nothing derogatory regarding his character, loyalty, associates, or reputation. He stated he would have no objection to the appointment of the nominee to the position of Vice President of the United States.

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United States House of Representatives (USHR)

The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on August 22, 1974:

United States Representative CARL ALBERT, Oklahoma, Speaker, advised he has known the nominee casually for the past ten years. The nominee has visited him in his office off and on during this period. He described the nominee as being an intelligent, pleasant, honest, and trustworthy person. He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates, and reputation, adding he would recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The nominee was unqualifiedly endorsed for the position of Vice President of the United States by United States Representative JOHN J. RHODES, Arizona, Minority Floor Leader. The nominee has been known to him on an intimate friendly basis for the past 14 years. Representative RHODES is currently serving on the nominee's Committee on Critical Choices. This committee was established by the nominee to study and make recommendations regarding urgent problems facing the nation, such as inflation. The nominee is a highly competent person who is a fine leader. His diversity of talents makes him an invaluable member of any team. He has the ability to recognize, analyze, and solve the kinds of problems that are inherent in the Government, and to get things done. He has exceptional professional skill. He is a tireless worker who is poised and even tempered. He is diplomatic in his approach and fair in his dealings. The nominee is a loyal, honest, and circumspect citizen with impeccable habits. Concluding, he declared he is aware of nothing unfavorable concerning him.

United States Representative THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR., Massachusetts, Majority Leader, advised he has known the nominee casually since 1953 and has served with him on the Committee on Critical Choices. He stated he considers the nominee to be a great American who enhances the image of the Republican Party, and if he were President Ford, he would also have selected the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States. His character, loyalty, associates, and reputation are above question. The nominee was endorsed by him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

When interviewed, United States Representative LESLIE C. ARENDS, Illinois, Minority Whip, highly endorsed the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States. The nominee has been known to him on a political basis for the past 20 years. He is impressed with the nominee's outlook, demeanor, intellectual power, and overall competence. He is intelligent, nobly motivated, and upright. He has had wide experience in State and Federal Government matters. The nominee is a patriotic American citizen with high moral principles. He is a fine leader and executive. He is cheerful, alert, and stable. Concluding, Representative ARENDS declared the nominee would be a credit to the nation in a high Government post.

According to United States Representative JOHN J. MC FALL, California, Majority Whip, he has met the nominee on a few occasions and only knows him on a casual basis. The nominee enjoys a fine reputation as a respectable and loyal citizen with impeccable habits. Representative MC FALL related he would have no objection to the appointment of nominee as Vice President of the United States.

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U.S. Representative OTIS G. PIKE, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he has grave doubts concerning the nominee's **"governmental morals" due to the large amounts of money spent by NELSON** A. ROCKEFELLER on his gubernatorial campaigns. Congressman PIKE advised that the source of the money was Governor ROCKEFELLER's personal wealth, members of his family, and also **corporations controlled by Governor ROCKEFELLER.** Congressman PIKE believes the money from his corporations was funnelled in a carefully concealed manner to his campaign and that this was illegal. Congressman PIKE believes Governor ROCKEFELLER "bought" his elected offices through massive infusions of money.

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Congressman PIKE advised that until this year, New York had no statute limiting the amount of money that could be spent during a campaign. Congressman PIKE believes it was illegal for a corporation to channel money into a political campaign under New York State Law; **however,** Congressman PIKE thinks it is significant that New York did not pass a law limiting campaign spending all the years Governor ROCKEFELLER was Governor even though attempts were made to do so. Then when he left office, a law of this type was passed.

Congressman PIKE advised he **is not aware of specific** amounts of money, specific campaigns, or which corporations were involved. He obtained this information second-hand from PERRY B. DURYEA, Montauk, Long Island, New York, who is Speaker of the State Assembly. Congressman PIKE declined to identify the person who told him what Mr. DURYEA said since that person could contribute nothing additional.

Congressman PIKE stated he is a close friend of Mr. DURYEA and that DURYEA is quite knowledgeable about Governor ROCKEFELLER. Mr. DURYEA has a personal dislike for Governor ROCKEFELLER because he has been treated badly by him in the past.

Congressman PIKE advised he has made the above information available to the House Judiciary Committee.

Congressman PIKE advised that the wife of PERRY B. DURYEA recently sent a telegram to President FORD saying that Governor ROCKEFELLER is "not fit to be dogcatcher." Congressman PIKE discounts this advising Mrs. DURYEA has a drinking problem and was drunk when she sent the telegram.

Congressman PIKE believes it will be impossible for Governor ROCKEFELLER to avoid conflicts of interest because his holdings are so extensive. During his years as Governor of New York he took many positions which benefited corporations with which he was associated. An example was Governor ROCKEFELLER's advocacy of off-shore oil drilling along the New York coastline. This would have benefited about six oil companies some of which he had an interest in.

Congressman PIKE advised he is not concerned about Governor ROCKEFELLER's personal morals, character, reputation, or loyalty. He is concerned only about his "governmental morals." On this basis Congressman PIKE advised he would not recommend him for the position of Vice President saying he has gone on record that Governor ROCKEFELLER is second to anybody as his choice for Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, U. S. Representative BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he does not personally know Governor ROCKEFELLER. He has known him on an official basis since 1962. His only contacts with him have been at official meetings. b6 b7C

Representative ROSENTHAL is aware of no problems or derogatory information about Governor ROCKEFELLER nor has he any question concerning his character, associates, morals, loyalty, or reputation.

Representative ROSENTHAL recommends the nominee for the position of Vice President.

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U.S. Representative JONATHAN B. BINGHAM of New York State has known the nominee since the latter became Governor of New York State. He described the nominee as a highly respected and patriotic American who has an impeccable character and is highly qualified for the position for which he is being considered. While BINGHAM and ROCKEFELLER have differed politically at times, BINGHAM knows nothing unfavorable regarding any aspect of the nominee's character, reputation or personal integrity and morals. The nominee's reputation is of the highest caliber and he is an extremely knowledgeable and experienced public servant. In terms of his character, moral fiber, and loyalty to the United States, BINGHAM would highly recommend the nominee as Vice President of the United States. As indicated previously, however, his only reservations might center about their differences on political issues.

U.S. Representative HOWARD WINFIELD ROBISON, New York State, has been a political associate of the nominee since 1958. He described him as being extremely discreet and of excellent character and reputation. He is personally delighted with President FORD's selection of the nominee and highly recommended him for the post of Vice President. He knows nothing derogatory or unfavorable regarding the nominee and added that his excellent record as Governor of New York State and the additional responsibilities and duties which he has fulfilled in service of his country stand by themselves.

U.S. Representative WILLIAM F. WALSH of New York State has been associated with the Governor for many years. Having himself been a political figure in New York State as former Mayor of Syracuse and as having been chosen by the nominee to serve on the New York State Public Service Commission, WALSH has only the highest regard and admiration for the nominee. He knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the nominee which might impinge upon his ability to function in the highest manner as Vice President of the United States. He described the nominee as a completely loyal American who has been a dedicated public servant for many years. His char-

acter, morals and integrity are without blemish. He gave his highest endorsement to the nominee for the post of Vice President of the United States.

U.S. Representative ANGELO D. RONCALLO, New York State, gave his highest recommendation of the nominee for the post of Vice President of the United States. He has no question at all regarding any aspect of the nominee's character, reputation, or loyalty. He regards him as an extremely knowledgeable and understanding individual, completely honest, trustworthy and dedicated to the best interests of the American people.

U.S. Representative JAMES F. HASTINGS, New York State, served for six years in the State Legislature during the nominee's service as Governor of the State of New York. He has only the highest regard for the nominee and knows of nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon his character or loyalty. He considers him to be an extremely popular choice to become Vice President and gave his enthusiastic endorsements of the nominee.

U.S. Representative JAMES R. GROVER, JR., New York State, has known the nominee for the past 16 years. GROVER formerly served in the State Legislature during part of the nominee's service as Governor of New York. He knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the nominee, added that his loyalty is unquestioned and his integrity is of the highest degree. He recommended him without reservation for a position of trust and confidence within the U.S. Government.

U.S. Representative BARBER B. CONABLE, JR., New York State, has known the nominee since 1958. CONABLE himself later served in the New York State Legislature and consequently became quite familiar with the Governor. From his experience, he knows of nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's service to the United States, adding that his character and integrity have always been of the highest caliber. The nominee has made many noteworthy contributions to the progress of New York State and CONABLE highly recommended him for the position for which he is currently being considered.

U.S. Representative CARLETON JAMES KING, New York State, described the nominee as the greatest Governor New York State has ever had. His principles, integrity and dedication to public service are of the highest degree. Representative KING personally recommended the nominee to President FORD as his choice of Vice President and knows of nothing unfavorable or derogatory from his experience and association with the nominee which would cause any embarrassment to the President or any disservice to the American people. KING enthusiastically and unhesitatingly endorsed the nominee for the position of Vice President.

U.S. Representative HENRY P. SMITH, III, New York State, has known the nominee since 1958. Since that time, he has been closely associated with the nominee on an off and on again basis and spoke of campaigning with the Governor during 1966 and 1970. He considers the nominee to have been a great Governor of New York State, compassionate, concerned and understanding. He possesses tremendous administrative abilities and is a "great human being". The nominee was Representative SMITH's number one choice to President FORD for the position of Vice President and he gave his unqualified endorsement to the nominee for this position.

U.S. Representative BENJAMIN A. GILMAN, New York State, formerly served in the New York State Legislature for six years while the nominee was Governor of New York State. He considers the nominee to be an individual of the highest integrity about whom he knows nothing unfavorable. He has no question about any aspect of the nominee's reputation, morals, or loyalty to the United States. He enthusiastically recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States and advised that the nominee is highly qualified for this position.

U.S. Representative ROBERT CAMERON MC EWEN, New York State, served for six years in the New York State Legislature when the nominee was Governor in that state. He regards him as highly qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States and has no hesitation at all in recommending him for this position. He knows of

nothing in the nominee's background, particularly in areas of loyalty, integrity, understanding, or personal associates which would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's service to the United States.

U.S. Representative HERMAN BADILLO, New York State, has been quite familiar with the nominee for many years. During the last three years, however, of the nominee's term as Governor of New York State, BADILLO feels that the nominee unfortunately "turned toward the right" after his many notable contributions in service to the people of New York State. Characterizing this change was the Attica Prison Revolt where BADILLO charged the nominee with using extremely poor judgment. He described ROCKEFELLER's judgment at Attica as contributing to a complete cover up operation greater in magnitude than that of Watergate. BADILLO had been selected by ROCKEFELLER to serve as a member of a negotiating committee to air the prisoners' grievances. BADILLO, in this interview, chastised the Governor for his lack of involvement in reaching a peaceable solution to the revolt and described this as the poorest decision ROCKEFELLER ever made as Governor of New York. BADILLO felt that this entire matter should be brought to light during the course of this current investigation of the nominee and also discussed fully before the committee hearings regarding the ROCKEFELLER nomination to become Vice President of the United States. BADILLO wrote a book describing the Attica problem which was entitled "A Bill of No Rights-Attica and the American Prison System". He feels that the nominee had become a reactionary Governor during the last three years of his administration and had attempted to appeal to various regressive elements within the Republican Party. These latter actions tarnished the nominee's previous accomplishments as Governor of the state. BADILLO also cited the nominee's stand regarding life prison sentences for convicted drug addicts. In areas of character and integrity, he has no reservations about the nominee. He described ROCKEFELLER as possessing great ability, a vast knowledge and understanding of problems as related to the poor, minority groups, the prison system and urban conditions. BADILLO furthermore knows of nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon the nominee's service and loyalty to the United States or of any aspect in his

background or character which might impinge upon his trustworthiness and integrity. In all areas of character and loyalty, together with his understanding, insights, and knowledge, he highly recommended the nominee for the post to which he is being considered. He did question, however, the nominee's judgment in crucial issues as cited above in the example regarding Attica. For this reason, BADILLO is reserving any final judgment regarding the nominee until hearing the latter's testimony before the Congressional Committee.

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On August 23, 1974, U.S. Representative SAMUEL S. STRATTON, New York State, advised SA [redacted] that he has been associated with the nominee since 1958, when STRATTON originally campaigned for the U.S. Congress. At that time, the nominee was campaigning in his first term for Governor of the State of New York. Over the years, they have had a frequent relationship based on the nominee's dealings with the entire Congressional delegation from New York State. STRATTON advised that he knew nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and that he generally got along well with him. He considers him well qualified, possessing a strong personality, and as an individual whose loyalty to the United States and dedication to public service are highly commendable. STRATTON gave his highest endorsement to the nominee as regards the latter's integrity, loyalty and character. The feeling among many residents of New York State and with Congressman STRATTON's constituents is a strong displeasure of the nominee's high spending and taxing level during his administration as Governor of New York State. STRATTON advised that at this point, he is unable to say whether or not he will vote for the nominee at the conclusion of the Congressional hearings, but emphasized that this was solely because of political differences.

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United States Representative EDWARD I. KOCH, New York, advised that he has known the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, since 1968 on a personal basis. He has always found him to be a decent honest individual who is highly intelligent. Representative KOCH feels the nominee is a compassionate person of impeccable character, loyalty, and reputation. He stated that he was a good Governor of the State of New York and advised that he is a loyal American. He recommended the nominee as the Vice President of the United States and stated that he will vote for his confirmation.

United States Representative CHARLES B. RANGEL, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1965, at which time he (RANGEL) served in the New York State Assembly. He knows of no reason whatsoever to question his character, reputation, choice of associates, or loyalty to the United States; and he knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Congressman RANGEL advised that he is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and feels that it would be inappropriate at this time to make any comment concerning his opposition to or recommendation of the nominee prior to the hearings of that Committee.

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United States Representative ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, New York, advised that she does not know the nominee personally and had only met him earlier that day when he had stopped by her office to pay his respects. She advised that she had been involved mainly in New York City politics prior to coming to the Congress of the United States and was not closely associated with the State Administration in New York. She does not agree with all the issues and policies of the nominee but knows of no reason to question his character or loyalty to the United States, reputation, or choice of associates. She knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the position of Vice President of the United States. Representative HOLTZMAN further stated that the only rumor that she has ever encountered of an unfavorable nature regarding the nominee was a rumor that concerned the nominee during his administration as Governor of the State of New York. She advised that the rumor alleged that the nominee had arranged for the Chase Manhattan Bank New York City, to make loans to campaigns of various individuals, and

the nominee had personally guaranteed these loans as a co-signer. Following the campaigns, the loans remained unpaid and the nominee had paid these loans personally. Following the payment of these loans, the nominee had deducted the amounts paid as business deductions on his income tax. Representative HOLTZMAN stated that she could not vouch for the validity of this rumor nor did she know if there were any illegal activities implied. She could not recall the source of this rumor.

United States Representative NORMAN FREDERICK LENT, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1962, at which time he (LENT) ran for the New York State Senate. He served in the state legislature for eight years and had close contact during this period with the nominee and many of his aides. He has had social contact with the nominee at numerous political gatherings and knows of nothing of a derogatory nature regarding him. He advised that his character, loyalty, reputation, and choice of associates would be "the best". He recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Representative PETER A. PEYSER, New York, advised that he has known the nominee personally for many years. He has socialized with him on numerous political occasions and has absolutely no reservations concerning him. He advised that the nominee's character, reputation and choice of associates are impeccable and he described him as a loyal American. Representative PEYSER stated that he would recommend the nominee without question for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Representative SHIRLEY ANITA CHISHOLM, New York, advised that she has known the nominee for approximately 12 years and is a close personal friend. She advised that she served for four years in the New York State Legislature, had worked closely with the nominee, and was appointed to serve on various committees by him. She knows of nothing of a negative nature concerning him and knows of no reason to question his character, reputation, choice of associates, or loyalty to the United States. Representative CHISHOLM recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

United States Representative JOHN MICHAEL MURPHY, New York, advised that he is acquainted with the nominee and described him as a skillful and experienced politician. He stated that he **is a good American, and advised that he knows** of nothing derogatory concerning his character, reputation, or choice of associates. He advised, however, that the nominee would not be his choice for Vice President and **feels that the nomination would not be confirmed by the** Congress in the near future. He stated that he believes that the nominee has over spent in many of his campaigns. He also **feels that the nominee had handled the revolt at** the Attica Prison, Attica, New York, very poorly. He **feels** that he did not have the "guts" to appear at Attica and personally handle the situation which should have been done.

United States Representative JOHN J. ROONEY, New York, telephonically advised that he has been confined to his home for approximately eight months under a doctor's care but felt that he wanted to comment concerning the nominee for Vice President, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he has known the nominee for approximately 28 years. He always found him to be **a highly trustworthy and hardworking** individual. His character, choice of associates, reputation, and loyalty to the United States would be "the best". Representative ROONEY advised that he does not always endorse the nominee's politics but advised that he would have no reason to be concerned concerning the individual or his nomination to fill the vacancy of Vice President of the United States.

United States Representative FRANK JAMES BRASCO, New York, advised that he had worked closely with the nominee when the nominee was Governor of the State of New York on many bills in the House, for example bills concerning housing in New York City and mass transit. He advised that the nominee was always interested in coming to Washington to discuss matters of concern with representatives of the state in the Congress. He described him as an effective Governor and a hard worker and he felt that he had a full range of all the issues. He stated that in the numerous conversations that he has had with the nominee he has discovered that the nominee has an excellent working knowledge of foreign affairs. He has absolutely no reason to question the nominee's character, choice of associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States, and **feels that he is an excellent choice to fill the vacant position of Vice** President. Representative BRASCO stated he would support the nominee during the confirmation.

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U.S. Representative DONALD J. MITCHELL, New York, advised that the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, was one of his three choices for the Vice Presidential nomination. He advised that much thought was given to his choices and that the nominee satisfied the four criteria he had established when making his recommendations to President FORD. These criteria were: someone who would serve the President well, was of Presidential stature himself, would help bring Americans together by representing a somewhat different constituency than President FORD, and who would be recognized by many Americans as a good Presidential candidate in all 50 states. He further advised the nominee was a good Governor, a tough leader and very strong man. He stated the nominee would bring a vast experience in helping to solve the problems of large cities as well as a thorough knowledge of state government and an enviable experience in international affairs. He has never observed or heard anything which would detract in any way from the nominee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty and he would support the nominee in the House of Representatives.

U.S. Representative FRANK HORTON, New York, advised that he has known the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, since 1958, and that the nominee was his first choice for the nomination of Vice President and it was his feeling you could make no finer choice. He felt the nominee's record of integrity and performance as Governor of New York State were unequaled and that he had been faced with many pressing problems before the same problems ever became national issues. He felt ROCKEFELLER had demonstrated an outstanding ability to listen to, cooperate with and be responsive to racial and ethnic minorities, labor, business, and senior citizens. He felt the nominee had an amazing talent for attracting and utilizing the very best available talent and grappling with economic, social, international, environmental, and other problems. He stated he had no hesitation in recommending the nominee as he felt he was a good administrator, a man of great integrity and of exceptional character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he would support his nomination for the Vice Presidency.

U.S. Representative HAMILTON FISH, JR., New York, advised that he has been associated with the nominee since 1966, and that he had recommended him to President FORD for the nomination for Vice President. He stated he felt ROCKEFELLER was a man of exceptional ability and leadership and a very competent administrator who was one of the most competent and qualified people in the U.S. Government today. He stated he had never heard or observed anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty and that he would have to reserve his final judgment until after the confirmation hearings were complete but at this point, he knew of nothing which would keep him from supporting the nominee.

U.S. Representative JOHN W. WYDLER, New York, advised that he had recommended the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, to President FORD and felt he was an exceptionally fine person. He considered the nominee intelligent, a great leader and administrator and felt ROCKEFELLER's life was an open book since he had served in the public eye almost his entire adult life. He knew of no personal wrongdoings nor had he ever heard of anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He further advised that he had never even heard anything of a derogatory nature said behind the nominee's back by people who did not like him and felt that this in itself was a tribute to the nominee. He advised that he would definitely support his nomination for the Vice Presidency.

U.S. Representative LESTER LIONEL WOLFF, New York, advised that he was not personally acquainted with the nominee and that he had never heard of anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He advised that he did have some reservations about the nominee's vast holdings such as his banking ties and was wondering about how he could ever possibly divest himself of these if he were asked to. He stated he would withhold his final judgment pending results of the confirmation hearings but at this point, there was really nothing which would cause him to disapprove the nominee.

U.S. Representative JACK KEMP, New York, advised that although the nominee, ROCKEFELLER, was not his first choice, he was a good choice and that he would support his nomination for the Vice Presidency. He stated the nominee was highly qualified for the job with an abundance of experience and commented favorably on his character, associates, reputation and loyalty.

U.S. Representative JAMES MICHAEL HANLEY, New York, advised that he was familiar with the nominee and considered him an intelligent, experienced, capable administrator who was a very delightful and fine person. He stated he was not a great admirer of the nominee but knew of nothing which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He stated that he would refrain from stating how he would vote until after the confirmation hearings but at this time, he knew of nothing which would cause him not to approve the nominee.

U.S. Representative THADDEUS J. DULSKI, New York, advised that he has never known the nominee personally but considered him a good American. He stated the nominee is very talented, intelligent, honest, a good administrator and a strong Republican. He knew of nothing which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty. DULSKI could see nothing at this point which would keep him from supporting the nominee for the Vice Presidency but he would have to wait until after the confirmation hearings before a final judgment could be made.

U.S. Representative JAMES J. DELANEY, New York, advised he has known the appointee since he first became Governor of New York State back in 1958. He felt he was a good selection for the job of Vice President and considered the nominee a good man, conservative, a complete gentleman, very bright and one who uses good judgment. He felt he was a very capable administrator and that he had done a good job running New York State and felt that anyone who could run a state the size of New York State without any major scandals had done a pretty good job. He advised he had never observed or heard anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or

loyalty and he would support his nomination for the Vice Presidency in the House of Representatives.

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On March 28, 1969, SA LAWRENCE E. BUSCHER interviewed JOHN C. MC CLINTOCK, 218 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

At that time, he advised that he had known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1940, and had previously served as his assistant in the Office of Inter-American Affairs, United States Department of State. He also served with ROCKEFELLER on other occasions in the State Department. He advised that he has always held the nominee in the highest regard and feels that he is a loyal American who has always had the best interest of the country at heart. He has never known ROCKEFELLER to associate with anyone with a questionable character or loyalty. He advised that he himself attempted to persuade ROCKEFELLER to run for the Presidency of the United States, as he felt he was the type of person who could serve as President with honor and distinction. He had never known anything derogatory concerning the nominee and recommended him highly.

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POLITICAL LEADERS

On August 22, 1974, SA [redacted] interviewed b6 b7C the Governor of the State of New York, MALCOLM WILSON, at the New York State Office, 1612 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC).

WILSON advised that he has known the nominee since 1956, when he first met him at a speaking engagement for Republicans of Westchester County, New York. He advised he shared the speaking responsibilities with the nominee and said the nominee spoke on national interests of the Republican Party and he spoke on the state issues. He advised he again met the nominee in early 1957, when he shared speaking responsibilities with the nominee at a Republican meeting which had been designated to formulate a constitutional convention in the State of New York.

Governor WILSON stated that he next saw the nominee in early January, 1958, at which time he again spoke at a Republican meeting in New York. He indicated that he first became friends with the nominee in the end of January, 1958, when a Republican leader named HUBERT GURLACH asked him to see the nominee regarding the possibility of having the nominee run for Governor of the State of New York. He indicated the nominee came up to him at that time and asked for his help. He advised he was serving in the State Legislature at that time. He said he introduced the nominee to his friends in the legislature and indicated that he served as the nominee's Campaign Manager for Governor of New York. He further advised the nominee insisted he become Lieutenant Governor and informed him that that position took a lot of pressure off of him as Governor.

Governor WILSON advised that the nominee was beyond venality, beyond temptation. He said he is a deeply religious man, by that he did not mean an average church goer, but that the nominee has a great faith in the Creator. He stated the nominee had the benefit of strict maternal influence and strict adherence to the Puritan element.

He stated that in all the years that he has known the nominee, he has never seen the nominee on a personal basis in any setting other than complete probity, interracial honesty and material honesty. He said the nominee has a love

of the people. He advised that the nominee has a unique capacity for personal touch when he meets an individual. He stated that the nominee, when he shakes hands with someone, tends to make that individual feel like it is just he and the nominee are the whole world at that particular moment.

He said the nominee has deep compassion, and is an excellent team player. He indicated that the nominee is a loyal American and is aware of the lines of authority with regard to high positions in Government. He stated the nominee's personal habits are excellent. He said the nominee does not drink hard liquor; however, he drinks champagne and dubonnet wine on occasion. He said he has never seen the nominee in a condition where he had lost control of his faculties. He advised the nominee is physically fit and in excellent shape.

He stated as an American, the nominee would be a tremendous help to the President of the United States. He advised that the nominee does not oversimplify complex problems. He indicated that the nominee is nonpartisan and stated that he represented all the people when he was Governor of New York, not just his party.

WILSON advised that the nominee is not narrowly partisan and he feels that he will enjoy the confidence of the people of the United States while serving in the FORD Administration. He highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, GEORGE BUSH, Chairman, Republican National Committee, advised SA [redacted] that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past ten years. His association has been primarily of a political nature, but he has known the nominee on a limited social basis stating that he has visited with ROCKEFELLER in his home on several occasions. b6 b7C

BUSH stated that he could only make favorable comments concerning the nominee, and he has no personal knowledge of anything regarding the nominee which might prove to be embarrassing to the U. S. Government.

He concluded by advising that NELSON ROCKEFELLER has his unqualified endorsement and support for the office of Vice-President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, LEON SHULL, National Director, Americans for Democratic Action , 1424 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised that he had no personal knowledge of the nominee and has never met him. He said all he has heard about Mr. ROCKEFELLER is what he reads in the newspaper.

JOSEPH RAUH, Attorney, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., Vice President, Americans for Democratic Action and former chairman of the Democratic Party in Washington, D.C. during the 1960's, advised on August 22, 1974, that he met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a couple of occasions several years ago, but knew nothing about him other than what he has read in the newspapers. He said he could offer no expression about the appointment of the nominee other than he thought it was a good appointment.

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OPPONENT IN POLITICAL ELECTION

On August 22, 1974, former United States Supreme Court Justice ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG, now an attorney in Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1959 when he was Special Counsel for the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and he was sent up to New York to aid Governor ROCKEFELLER with labor reform legislation. Since that time he has known the nominee and his wife both professionally and socially and believes them both to be people of the highest character, reputation and associates. b6 b7C

Justice GOLDBERG stated that he felt the nominee was an outstanding Governor of the State of New York and the main reason he ran against him in the 1970 election was only because he felt that he had served too long in that capacity, not that he was doing an inadequate job. He described him as a loyal and devoted public servant who ran a completely honest administration and an honest election campaign. He is a well organized individual and simply polled more votes in 1970 and thereby defeated Justice GOLDBERG.

Justice GOLDBERG stated that, upon hearing that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had been chosen as the nominee for the position of Vice President, he sent a telegram of congratulations to him wishing him the best of luck. He stated that he knows of nothing derogatory that would preclude Mr. ROCKEFELLER from being considered for the position of Vice President and highly recommended him for that position.

Justice GOLDBERG concluded by stating that there is one incident that has always stuck out in his mind and he has never gotten to the bottom of the circumstances. During the New York State Gubernatorial Campaign in 1970 a book was written by Mr. VICTOR LASKY which was supposedly

a biography of Justice GOLDBERG. It was very critical of GOLDBERG and, in fact, libelous and assertions were made in it which were completely unfounded. Justice GOLDBERG stated that although it was supposed to be a biography, he himself was never interviewed or contacted by Mr. LASKY and he does not know where he got his information. Justice GOLDBERG emphasized that he in no way is implying that Mr. ROCKEFELLER was behind the publication of the book and he in fact has no reason to suspect that he was, but it has always troubled him as to who did finance the publication of the book. He noted that right after the election the book disappeared from publication and has not been around since that time. He stated that he recently read that Mr. LASKY has done some work for the "Committee to Re-Elect the President" and he resides in the Washington, D. C., area.

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NEWS MEDIA

The following investigation was conducted by SAs MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR. and FRED P. VICHICH on August 22, 1974:

CHARLES J. GREENE, JR., Chief Correspondent, New York Daily News, Washington Bureau, has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since sometime in the early 1950's, and has had a fair amount of contact with him on an intermittent basis in connection with Mr. GREENE's coverage, particularly the Republican National Conventions in 1960, 1964, and 1968. He has known the nominee casually and at a distance in the same manner as he knows a great many other individuals prominent in political life.

Mr. GREENE has been very favorably impressed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER and in his opinion, the latter seems to be a very honorable and honest individual who is quite candid and frank in his relationships with others. He has greatly impressed Mr. GREENE with his intelligence and wide interest and knowledge of the problems of the United States, and Mr. GREENE feels that he has seen nominee develop as a politican into a man of truly national stature. In Mr. GREENE's opinion, the nominee stands out among politicans, and is outstanding in his integrity and his desire to accomplish the things he believes in. He has impressed Mr. GREENE as a man of moral and personal courage in his political life and a man with the ability and background to handle any position in Government. Mr. GREENE knows of nothing adverse to the nominee and he recommends him for a position of the highest trust and confidence.

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CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS

On August 23, 1974, Mr. CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR., Director, Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 422 First Street, S.E., advised SA [redacted] as follows regarding the nominee: b6 b7C

He noted that his office has not followed the activities of the nominee as closely as their New York Chapter. However, his personal opinion is that he believes the nominee has been a supporter of civil rights in general and as a result, he could think of no reason for any legitimate civil rights group to voice a strong opposition against his confirmation as Vice President.

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DAVID A. BRODY, Director, Washington, D.C. Office, B'Nai B'Rith Anti-Defamation League, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he felt the President made an outstanding selection in nominating NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. He does not know the nominee personally and has only met him once or twice. He based his feelings on Governor ROCKEFELLER's outstanding record as a public servant. He knew of no shortcomings on the part of the nominee and felt he could discharge the duties of the position in an exemplary manner.

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LABOR LEADERS

ANDREW BIEMILLER, Director, Legislative Department, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), 815 16th Street, N.W., was interviewed by SA HUGH B. MC GAHEY on August 23, 1974. Mr. BIEMILLER advised he has known the nominee since 1953 and first became acquainted with him when Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. His association with the nominee since that time has been both professional and social. He is not acquainted with the nominee's present wife nor his former wife.

Mr. BIEMILLER said that no one has ever made any comments to his knowledge of a derogatory nature regarding the nominee's character, patriotism or ability. BIEMILLER stated that the nominee has an outstanding reputation in the labor unions and other professional circles with regard to his ability as an administrator and his capability to handle complicated governmental problems. He added he considers the nominee the best qualified person for the position of Vice President and could not praise him too highly. He knew of nothing in the nominee's past that could surface and cause embarrassment to him or the Ford Administration. He knows him to be an outstanding American and "first class" in all respects.

BIEMILLER said that he and the nominee have had some disagreements over legislative matters but that such disagreements would have no unfavorable reflection upon the nominee.

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Mr. LANE KIRKLAND, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO, 815 16th Street, N. W. advised SA HUGH B. McGAHEY on August 22, 1974, he has known the nominee for many years, both professionally and socially. KIRKLAND is currently a member of the Committee on Critical Choices for America which he said was organized by the nominee after he resigned the Governorship of New York.

KIRKLAND highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States as he considers him a one hundred percent solid American who has the experience and qualifications to perform the duties and functions required of the Office of Vice President. Mr. KIRKLAND commented that the nominee has been an excellent public servant for many years and has an outstanding reputation for honesty, integrity and ability. In addition, his loyalty to the United States cannot be questioned.

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On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Attorney, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, advised SA [redacted] that he had been in contact with Mr. FRANK FITZSIMMONS, President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters who is currently on the West Coast and is unavailable for interview. [redacted] advised that Mr. FITZSIMMONS advised him that he believes the choice of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States is a good one. The nominee was a good Governor and there is no reason to believe that he will not make a good Vice President. Mr. FITZSIMMONS stated that he did not know the nominee personally and was not able to comment further regarding his suitability for the position of Vice President.

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On August 23, 1974, [redacted] Consultant to the President on Labor Matters, Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that he is currently working as a consultant for the White House and shortly he expects to begin work for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. His association with ROCKEFELLER goes back to about 1962 when he was working for both the New York City and New York State Building Trade Council and had to work with Governor ROCKEFELLER on many problems concerning the labor field. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that ROCKEFELLER is a very strong willed, solid individual who was always open and available for advice. One of his greatest attributes is the fact that if you came to him with a problem or allegation he always acted on it. He would investigate and if you were right he told you about it and then acted on it and if you were wrong he also let you know that it was checked out and the allegation or discrepancy was unfounded. He is a man of his word and you always got an answer from him.

[redacted] stated that he has no reason to question the nominee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty and he highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Washington, D.C. (WDC):

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On August 23, 1974, [redacted], Manager, the Metropolitan Club of WDC, 1700 H Street, advised that the nominee was a member of the Metropolitan Club from December 31, 1963 until July 26, 1968. He added that the nominee resigned on July 26, 1968, in good standing. [redacted] further advised that no discriminatory practices regarding membership exist at the Metropolitan Club.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Washington, D.C. (WDC):

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On August 22, 1974, [redacted], Administrative Assistant, Cosmos Club, advised that the nominee is a member of the Cosmos Club. She indicated the nominee joined the club on February 3, 1941. She added that on July 1, 1966, the nominee entered Senior status which is a title awarded after 25 years of membership. She stated the nominee is in good standing. [redacted] further advised that the Cosmos Club has no discriminatory practices.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

On August 22, 1974, Mr. MAURICE F. KILEY, Acting District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New York City, New York, who was in Washington, D.C. (WDC), attending a conference at INS Headquarters, advised SA [redacted] that he does not know the nominee personally and could therefore not make any comment regarding him.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C. (WDC), and was advised on August 22, 1974, that the files contained no record for the nominee.

On August 22, 1974, SC [redacted] determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the nominee or spouse. b6 b7C

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On August 22, 1974, SC [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Motor Vehicles, Government of the District of Columbia, files concerning the nominee or spouse.

On August 22, 1974, SC [redacted] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable Adult Criminal or Traffic record could be located regarding nominee or spouse.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy and Air Force investigative files, was searched through a representative of that agency on March 26, 1969, and disclosed that information possibly identical with the nominee was contained in the files of the United States Army Investigative Records Repository (AIRR) and the United States Naval Investigative Service (NIS).

A review of the AIRR files, Fort Holabird, Maryland, on March 26, 1969, disclosed no derogatory information concerning the nominee.

On March 28, 1969, IC [redacted] determined that the files of "The Evening Star" newspaper contained numerous clippings relative to the nominee's personal, social and political life, his travels and work in foreign relations. No derogatory information was contained in the files. b6 b7C

It is noted that the files of "The Evening Star" newspaper are no longer accessible for review by the FBI and therefore no check has been made at this time.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters, and was advised on April 1, 1969, that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the nominee.

A review of the files of the Office of Internal Security, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, by SA [redacted] on April 3, 1969, disclosed the nominee was granted a "Top Secret" clearance on August 7, 1953, based on an investigation (date not recorded) by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The clearance was cancelled upon his resignation.

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On August 23, 1974, SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised that Civil Service Commission (CSC) files disclosed that ROCKEFELLER was the subject of a CSC Report of Pre-Appointment Check for the position of Chairman, President's Special Committee on Government Organization , Office of Defense Mobilization in 1953. The files contained no additional pertinent information.

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On August 22, 1974, SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the House Committee on Internal Security and was advised that no identifiable record was found concerning the nominee.

[redacted] Chief Clerk, Files and Reference Section of the House Committee on Internal Security (HCIS), advised SC [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that the Committee maintains no records on Government officials, Congressmen or Senators.

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The files of the Office of Security (SY), Department of State, reviewed by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974, disclose that on November 14, 1950, the White House furnished to the Deputy Undersecretary of State for Administration the results of a 1950 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation of Mr. ROCKEFELLER in connection with his proposed appointment as a member of the International Development Advisory Board. After review of the investigative results, SY on November 21, 1950, recommended security clearance of the nominee for such proposed purpose pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 535, 81st Congress. On December 12, 1950, SY granted him formal security clearance in this connection.

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On March 7, 1969, SY granted him secret clearance in connection with his then forthcoming trip to Latin America for President NIXON, as a non-employee of the Department of State.

The SY file does not show any termination of clearance concerning this individual; however, SY has advised that all its clearances terminate when the person's relationship with the Department of State terminates.

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United States Government records reviewed by SE [redacted] on April 3, 1969, disclose that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was last issued passport F 550892 at New York, New York, on February 11, 1965, for travel abroad, no definite plans given. He stated that he was born on July 8, 1908, at Bar Harbor, Maine. This passport was renewed on or about April 10, 1968, for travel abroad, plans not given.

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He was issued the following passports:

On November 12, 1954, he was issued Special Passport 44245 at Washington, D. C. (WDC), for proposed travel to Venezuela as a tourist.

On June 27, 1955, he was issued Diplomatic Passport 5176 at WDC, for travel to Germany on official business for the United States Government.

On December 28, 1955, he was issued Passport 815322 at WDC, for travel to Venezuela for pleasure.

On January 18, 1960, he was issued Special Passport 226393 at WDC, no travel plans given. This passport was renewed at New York on or about May 4, 1963, travel plans not given.

On September 23, 1960, he was issued a Diplomatic Passport at WDC, for proposed six day travel to Nigeria, to head United States Delegation to the Independence Ceremonies of the Federation of Nigeria.

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United States Government records, reviewed by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974, disclose the additional information that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was issued diplomatic passport X-052638 at Washington, D.C., on May 9, 1969, limited to expire on August 30, 1969, for proposed travel abroad as the Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America. The file shows that his intended travel was to South America. His permanent residence was listed as 812 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This passport was cancelled and returned to him on May 3, 1973. b6 b7C

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was issued regular passport A-000007 at Washington, D.C., on February 11, 1970, for proposed travel abroad. No specific travel plans were set forth on the application. This passport was valid for five years. His address remained as above.

United States Government records, reviewed by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974, disclose that MARGARETTA FITLER ROCKEFELLER was issued diplomatic passport X-052637 at Washington, D.C., on May 9, 1969, for proposed travel abroad as the wife of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, a Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America. This passport was limited to expire on August 30, 1969, and the file shows that it was cancelled and returned to her on May 3, 1973.

She stated that she was born on June 9, 1926, in Pennsylvania. She previously held passport J-1154553 issued on September 23, 1968. She listed her father as WILLIAM WONDERLY FITLER, JR., a United States citizen, and her mother as MARGARITTA LARGE HARRISON (Mrs. GEORGE BARTOL), born on December 16, 1901, also a United States citizen. She stated that she was last married on May 4, 1963, to NELSON ALDRICH

ROCKEFELLER, having previously been married on December 11, 1948, to JAMES SLATER MURPHY, born at New York City on June 2, 1921, marriage terminated by divorce on April 1, 1963.

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12:28 PM IMMEDIATE AUGUST 26, 1974 CHP 1P

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, WILLIAM L. PFEIFFER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALBANY SAVINGS BANK, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE WAS THE FINANCIAL CHAIRMAN OF THE 1964 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO PFEIFFER THAT ALLEGATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT THREE MILLION DOLLARS WERE EXPENDED IN THE OREGON PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN 1964 AND FOUR MILLION DOLLARS SIMILARLY EXPENDED IN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY FOR 1964. PFEIFFER STATED THAT THESE FIGURES WERE ERRONEOUS AND INFLATED AND DID NOT REPRESENT THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES. HE STATED THAT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS WERE SPENT BUT THAT THESE AMOUNTS CONFORMED TO ALL EXISTING LAWS AND

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REGULATIONS AT THE TIME AND WERE NOT ILLEGAL. HE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME, HE COULD NOT ESTIMATE THE EXACT AMOUNTS EXPENDED IN THESE TWO PRIMARIES AND SUGGESTED THAT [redacted] PRESENT NYS TREASURER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, WOULD POSSIBLY POSSESS THE FINANCIAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE 1964 CAMPAIGN. HE STATED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THESE RECORDS WERE PASSED FROM ONE STATE TREASURER TO ANOTHER.

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NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, INTERVIEW [redacted] REGARDING LOCATION OF THE 1964 FINANCIAL RECORDS AND REVIEW SAME CONCERNING ABOVE ALLEGATIONS.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-1697)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPI; BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974. b6 b7C

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 26, 1974.

[redacted] NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFI E, 270 BROADWAY, NY, NY, ADVISED EARLIEST TIME FOR INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, ELEVEN O'CLOCK AM. HE STATED THIS DATE TENTATIVE, MAY BE LATER.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, AUGUST 23, 1974.

CONTACT WITH [redacted] TO HENRY FORD II, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, HAS REVEALED THAT MR. FORD IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON AUGUST 29, 1974. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH [redacted] TO INTERVIEW MR. FORD AT THAT TIME. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI. BUENO: AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE-PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR. SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE TWO SIX SEVEN NINE, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

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ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE APPROPRIATE AS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT SIX COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS NOMINEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED

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[redacted] NEW YORK CITY, MADE AVAILABLE, [redacted], THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BUSINESS LEADERS (CAPTION AS SUCH) WITH WHOM NOMINEE SHOULD BE WELL ACQUAINTED:

[redacted]

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) (3P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO DATED AUGUST 21, 1974; WFO REPORT DATED AUGUST 25, 1974.

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THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT ON AUGUST 23, 1974, SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS OF WFO SUBMITTED TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE THE FOLLOWING LEADS WHICH RESULTED FROM THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH THE NOMINEE ON AUGUST 22, 1974. THE NOMINEE ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS PERSONAL ASSOCIATES: [redacted] NEW YORK UNIVERSITY; [redacted] ATTORNEY, NEW YORK CITY; [redacted] AND [redacted] ATTORNEYS, LAW FIRM OF [redacted] NEW YORK CITY.

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MR. ROCKEFELLER IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING ATTORNEYS WHO HANDLED HIS DIVORCE. HE STATED THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR DETAILS CONCERNING

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THIS MATTER. NOMINEE'S ATTORNEY WAS [redacted] NEW YORK CITY AND HIS EX-SPOUSE'S ATTORNEY WAS [redacted]

ROCKEFELLER ADVISED THAT HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN IS DR. [redacted] U.S. STEEL BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY. NOMINEE HAS CONTACTED PHYSICIAN AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE BUREAU WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRM MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY AND MC CLOY IS COMPILING A COMPLETE LIST OF NOMINEE'S IMMEDIATE RELATIVES AND WILL PROVIDE IT TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

[redacted] COUNSEL TO THE NOMINEE, WILL PROVIDE THE NEW YORK OFFICE WITH A LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH THE NOMINEE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH IN THE PAST OR IS CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH.

IT IS NOTED THAT ROCKEFELLER REQUESTED THAT IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO CONTACT HIS CURRENT WIFE'S EX-SPOUSE, [redacted], THAT HE, MR. ROCKEFELLER, WISHED TO BE ADVISED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW. HE ADVISED THAT [redacted] AND THE FBI WOULD

BENEFIT GREATLY BY HIS WIFE CONTACTING [redacted] BEFORE THE INTER- b6 b7C
VIEW. HE STATED THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS WIFE HAD ANY OBJECTION TO [redacted] BEING INTERVIEWED.

MR. ROCKEFELLER ADVISED THAT HE AND HIS FORMER WIFE AGREED AT THE TIME OF THEIR DIVORCE THAT THE TERMS OF THEIR FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT WOULD NEVER BE DIVULGED. IN THE EVENT IT IS NECESSARY TO INTERVIEW HIS FORMER SPOUSE, HE REQUESTED THAT SHE BE INFORMED THAT THE DIVORCE FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT HAS NOT BEEN DIVULGED.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D. C. REVEALS THAT NOMINEE IS WELL KNOWN BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN THE LABOR FIELD: MR. RAY CORBETT, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER OF AFL-CIO, ALBANY, NEW YORK AND MR. JACOB POTOFSKY, RETIRED PRESIDENT, AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS UNION, NEW YORK CITY. MR. POTOFSKY CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THIS UNION. ALBANY AND NEW YORK HANDLE.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

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RE NEW YORK FACSIMILE TO BOSTON AUGUST 22, 1974.

[redacted] USA, WAS

INTERVIEWED AT [redacted] HE SAID HE QUESTIONS THE NOMINEE'S ACTIVITIES IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO HIS ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. HE SAID HIS DIFFERENCES WITH THE APPOINTEE WERE NOT OF A PERSONAL NATURE BUT A DIFFERENCE OF POLICY WITH REGARD TO LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE SAID HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION THE APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO THE U.S. AND HE IN NO WAY QUESTIONS HIS ABILITY AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK OR AS AN ADMINISTRATOR. HE SAID HE CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. HE MADE NO COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO RECOMMENDING THE NOMINEE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN AWAY

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YORK WHO REPLACED THE NOMINEE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE, BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE NOMINEE.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW SPRUILLE BRADEN AT ABOVE ADDRESS.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

EDGAR B. SPEER, CHAIRMAN, U.S. STEEL CORPORATION, IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL AUGUST 29, 1974. SECRETARY ADVISES MR. SPEER CAN BE CONTACTED AT HIS NEW YORK OFFICE AT 8:15 A.M., AUGUST 28, 1974, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

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NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK. INTERVIEW EDGAR B. SPEER REGARDING NOMINEE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2951)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPI; BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974; WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL, AUGUST 22, 1974, INSTRUCTING EX U.S. SENATOR CHARLES GOODELL BE INTERVIEWED.

GOODELL ASSOCIATED WITH LAW FIRM HYDEMAN MASON AND GOODELL AND D.C.A. INTERNATIONAL, BOTH WASHINGTON D.C.

WFO INTERVIEW GOODELL.

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REBUTEL, AUGUST TWENTY ONE LAST; WFOTEL TO BUREAU, ALBANY AND NEW YORK, AUGUST TWENTY THREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE OGDEN R. REID'S WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, OFFICE REFLECTS HE CAN BE REACHED AT VACATION RETREAT (LOCATION KNOWN ONLY AS ADIRONDACK REGION), TELEPHONE [redacted] ALBANY HANDLE.

PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW ATTORNEY [redacted]

[redacted] NEW YORK CITY, WHO CAN BE REACHED CARE OF [redacted] UNTIL SEPTEMBER THREE NEXT.

[redacted] REPORTEDLY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH NOMINEE.

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ON AUGUST 26, 1974, [redacted], SECRETARY, GILINSKY, STILLMAN AND MISHKIN, 277 PART AVENUE, NEW YORK NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT [redacted] WAS NOT PRESENT. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW [redacted] CURRENT LOCATION BUT SUGGESTED THAT DURING AUGUST, [redacted] USUALLY TRAVELS TO [redacted] WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED AT [redacted] [redacted] IS [redacted] ATTORNEY WHO REPORTEDLY KNOWS NOMINEE WELL.

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REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 23, 1974
AND WFO TELLCALL TO NEW YORK AUGUST 26, 1974.

INVESTIGATION WFO REVEALED HONORABLE WILLIAM MC CHESNEY
MARTIN CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK CITY. APPOINTMENT MADE THROUGH
HIS SECRETARY FOR NEW YORK AGENT TO INTERVIEW MARTIN WHO IS
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF NOMINEE, ON AUGUST 27, 197, AT 9:15 A.M.
AT 785 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, APARTMENT 6B, PHONE
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

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FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 26, 1974.

INQUIRY AT OFFICE OF AFL-CIO, DE WITT CLINTON HOTEL, ALBANY, NEW YORK, NEGATIVE. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] AFL-CIO, TEXTILE WORKERS, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT WHEN NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION, RAY CORBETT, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK STATE CHAPTER OF AFL-CIO, CAN BE REACHED IN THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 1P P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

INVESTIGATION AT MT. PLEASANT, NEW YORK, REVEALS THAT [redacted] WHO IS VERY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH NOMINEE AND FAMILY, CAN BE REACHED AT [redacted] (NO SPECIFIC ADDRESS KNOWN), TELEPHONE [redacted]

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P)(1P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO AUGUST 21, 1974.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D.C., REVEALS THAT THE NOMINEE IS KNOWN BY MR. JOHN HERLING, A LABOR COLUMNIST WHOSE ARTICLES APPEAR IN THE WASHINGTON POST. MR. HERLING ALSO WORKED WITH THE NOMINEE IN SOUTH AMERICA DURING THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION. MR. HERLING IS CURRENTLY VACATIONING AT MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND CAN BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 617-645-9473 AT MENEMSHA, MASSACHUSETTS.

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BOSTON HANDLE. DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1373)

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPIN; AUGUST 28, 1974

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RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 26, 1974; PHILADELPHIA REPORT SA [redacted] AUGUST 23, 1974.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, ATTORNEY [redacted] OF NEW YORK CITY, WAS CONTACTED AT [redacted], AND ADVISED THAT OTHER THAN HANDLING SOME LEGAL WORK FOR NOMINEE, HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH MR. ROCKEFELLER. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THERE ARE MANY INDIVIDUALS BY THE NAME OF [redacted] IN NEW YORK CITY.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, SECRETARY TO MR. WILLIAM S. BRINECKE, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD, SPERRY AND HUTCHINSON COMPANY, THREE-THREE ZERO MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED MR. BRINECKE, PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF VICE-PRESIDENCY NOMINEE, NOW VACATIONING IN [redacted] AND CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE AT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] APPROPRIATE TIMES TO CONTACT 4:30 PM OR EARLY MORNING.

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AT [redacted] WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE SEC. INTERVIEW AND SUBMIT RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN. b6 b7C

PATRICK RYAN, PRESIDENT, FIDELITY BANK OF COLONIE, b6 b7C
COLONIE, NEW YORK, CURRENTLY VACATIONING POINT OF [ ]
[ ] TELEPHONE [ ]
BOSTON AT [ ] INTERVIEW RYAN.

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ASAC [ ] advised by Bsl to BS 8/26/74

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1697) b6 b7C

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, NYS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ROBERT E. FISCHER, BINGHAMTON, NY, ADVISED THAT [redacted] NYC, WOULD HAVE IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF ROCKEFELLER'S HANDLING OF ATTICA SITUATION. [redacted] IS [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, IF NOT ALL READY DONE, WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] RE NOMINEE'S DIRECTION OF ATTICA SITUATION.

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BUFFALO (]6]-394)
NEW YORK (]6]-296])

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (]6]-6]97)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: AUGUST 28,]974, WITHOUT FAIL

ALBANY, BUFFALO, AND WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BEARING ON FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK BY TELETYPE TO ASSIST IN THAT PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-26-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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A conference was held Friday afternoon, 8-23-74, in New York City, with representatives of Nelson Rockefeller who are involved with the maintenance of accounting records for his personal holdings. [redacted] an attorney representing Mr. Rockefeller, participated in the meeting.

A detailed listing of requested financial statements was discussed item by item with those present and specific questions raised were resolved. They plan on furnishing a statement of Mr. Rockefeller's net worth similar to a balance sheet with detailed specific assets identified and set forth. The initial problem encountered was that President Ford's statement listed current market values of the small number of assets he had listed [redacted] advised that they felt it would be virtually impossible for them to list estimated market value for some of the assets which would be set forth in Rockefeller's statement. He wanted to know whether the FBI desired Mr. Rockefeller to hire appraisers to have all his property appraised so that the statement can list current market values. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that the FBI did not desire Mr. Rockefeller to hire appraisers to determine the current market value of his property. However, it was pointed out that it was their job to prepare a financial statement for the Governor and if costs are the only information readily available the statement should be consistent and be based entirely on cost figures. It was suggested that they should consider putting in parenthesis estimated market values or insurance values for those assets where such information is readily available. In those instances where such information cannot be determined they should consider setting forth a short explanatory note to the balance sheet with any additional information such as date of acquisition and any information supporting the

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Walsh
1 - Mr. Cleveland
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problem of determining the current market value. It was recognized that it would be very difficult to determine the current market value of items of art without having same appraised. However, it was pointed out that from an accounting standpoint very little objection can be raised to a cost-based statement but they are running the risk of individuals discounting the value of the statement in view of the lack of current market value information. It was pointed out to them that the FBI did not feel it would be necessary for appraisers to be brought in; however, any available current market value information would enhance their making Mr. Rockefeller's statement of more value to a reader who is interested in his current net worth. They agreed and advised that they hope to have a cost-based statement available on Tuesday and would incorporate any and all reliable current market value information they were able to determine. They agreed further that they would add explanatory notes for any items they are unable to reach or determine current market values for.

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They were aware of the restriction that Mr. Rockefeller had specified with regard to the [redacted] and they volunteered that should such information be available they would be willing to prepare a complete listing of the asset make-up of these trusts without quantities or dollar values which they feel would resolve the problem the Governor had cited. SA [redacted] advised that at this time we did not contemplate requesting such information individually concerning the [redacted] and should such a request be made a conference will be held with them in order to reach an agreement as to the information needed and the form of presentation.

[redacted] advised that he appreciated the FBI's organized approach and that his staff would be working through the weekend in hopes of being able to present portions of the requested information beginning sometime Monday. There were approximately 13 items of specific financial statements or information requested during the meeting for the FBI. A copy of the "Liberty Lobby" advertisement which appeared in the "Washington Evening Star" was furnished to them and they expressed surprise in not being aware of the advertisement and stated that all background information will be gathered to establish the facts with regard to the allegations set forth in the advertisement.

They were advised that the FBI would include such information in the reports being prepared and that additional investigation may possibly be conducted by the FBI into the allegations set forth but same was being held in abeyance until their material was completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The decision made by SA [redacted] that appraisers not be hired by Mr. Rockefeller to appraise his current holdings is based on sound accounting in that the most objective statement is a cost-based statement, and available market value information will be incorporated in the statement when available. The investigation being conducted does not justify the estimated material expense that would be encountered to have his estate appraised. It is recommended that no further action be taken with regard to appraisers being hired. b6 b7C

SAs [redacted] and [redacted] will go to New York Monday afternoon and SA [redacted] Minneapolis, and SA [redacted] Houston, will go Tuesday a.m., to New York, as previously approved, to initiate the accounting review of the furnished financial statement.

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ADDENDUM GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 8/26/74 REL/lrk

SA [redacted] called at 11:30 a.m., 8/26/74, and advised that the accountants and lawyers of Rockefeller have not progressed to a point where they can make records available for investigation. SA [redacted] therefore, requests that SA [redacted] proceed to New York this afternoon and that SAs [redacted] and [redacted] be delayed until further notice. b6 b7C

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER	H. WARREN TOOL, JR.	jek

CHARACTER OF CASE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCES: Denver report of SA [redacted], 3/28/69; b6 b7C
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: H. WARREN TOOL, JR. Office: DENVER
Date: August 26, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-712 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character:
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Former Governor JOHN A. LOVE and present Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF, both of Colorado, recommend ROCKEFELLER on ability, character, reputation and loyalty. They each endorse his selection as nominee for Vice President of the United States.

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DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

On March 27, 1969, Governor JOHN A. LOVE, State of Colorado, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1960 and that he had been closely associated with him since 1964. He described ROCKEFELLER as a very capable and outstanding administrator, one with high character, desireable associates and unquestioned loyalty to the country. He recommends him most highly.

On August 22, 1974, former Colorado Governor JOHN A. LOVE, now President of Ideal Basic Industries, Inc., 821 17th Street, advised he met NELSON ROCKEFELLER in 1960 at a time when both he and ROCKEFELLER were moving politically. He said that during his own ten year term as Governor of Colorado, he was often in contact with the nominee and that these contacts were both official and social.

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Mr. LOVE said ROCKEFELLER is a most able administrator. He said there has never been or is any question concerning his character, reputation or loyalty. Mr. LOVE said he fully endorses the selection of ROCKEFELLER to be the Vice President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, Governor JOHN D. VANDERHOOF of Colorado recalled knowing NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1960. He said he had met him in connection with Republican Conventions from time to time since 1960 and considered him to be a friend. Governor VANDERHOOF said since becoming the Colorado chief executive he has come to understand more fully the capabilities necessary for being Governor and that ROCKEFELLER's 15 years as Governor of New York reflected that many believed him a fine administrator. VANDERHOOF recommends ROCKEFELLER in all respects as to his ability, character, reputation and loyalty, and said he fully endorses his selection as the nominee for Vice President of the United States.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Honolulu b6 b7C
Date: August 26, 1974

Field Office File #: HN 161-399 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Mrs. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, associated with nominee as a member with nominee on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, favorably recommends nominee for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government and describes nominee as a person of integrity, an experienced administrator and a loyal American of good moral character.

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MRS. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE

On August 23, 1974, Mrs. CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, 4559 Kahala Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii, advised that nominee is one of her oldest lifetime friends and that she has been associated with nominee directly as a member with nominee on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board for several years.

Mrs. LUCE described nominee as being a person of integrity, an experienced administrator, and a loyal American of good moral character.

Mrs. LUCE stated she favorably recommends nominee for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government.

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KANSAS CITY	BUREAU	8/26/74	8/23-26/74

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER	SA [redacted]	mw

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Report of: [redacted] Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: August 26, 1974

Field Office File #: KC 161-859 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Business leaders in the Kansas City area, [redacted] and [redacted], interviewed and commented favorably regarding nominee.

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DETAILS:

On August 23, 1974, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised that although he has been active in the Republican party for several years, he has met ROCKEFELLER on only one occasion and that was in May of 1974. [redacted] explained that [redacted] a $100.00 per plate Republican dinner held at the Alameda Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, in mid May of 1974. ROCKEFELLER, according to [redacted] was the main speaker at the dinner and due to [redacted] visited socially with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for approximately two to three hours after the dinner. [redacted] stated that as [redacted] he has had an opportunity to closely follow the political career of ROCKEFELLER and has been favorably impressed with him. [redacted] stated he would highly recommend that ROCKEFELLER be confirmed as Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about [redacted] years. [redacted] stated, however, during this [redacted] years, he he has only met Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally on about three occasions. [redacted] stated that he considers himself to be a conservative Republican. He stated that in [redacted] found himself consistently opposing the platform and views of ROCKEFELLER. [redacted] stated that during this period of time, he felt that ROCKEFELLER suffered a massive guilt complex due to his immense wealth and felt the best way to aid underprivileged persons and to help the economic system was to spend massive amounts of money. [redacted] stated in recent years he is of the opinion that ROCKEFELLER has mellowed in his liberal fiscal thinking and is now more in line with regular Republican Party leaders. [redacted] stated that ROCKEFELLER is a tireless worker who is loyal to his country to the highest degree, and due to his wide range of public service experience, is an excellent nominee and he would highly recommend that ROCKEFELLER be confirmed as Vice President of the United States.

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TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: jk

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Date: AUGUST 26, 1974

Field Office File #: SC 161-440 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: California Governor RONALD REAGAN favorably recommends Appointee.

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RONALD REAGAN,
GOVERNOR,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

On August 23, 1974, RONALD REAGAN, Governor, State of California, advised SAC JOHN M. REED through his Administrative Assistant, [redacted] that he has had political association with the nominee since the early 1960s and, since 1967, has had closer association through their positions of being Governor of their respective States. Governor REAGAN indicated that he has also been a guest in the nominee's home on a number of occasions while he was visiting in New York and has never observed any habits, weaknesses, or traits which he feels would cause nominee to be unable to carry out the responsibilities of Vice President of the United States of America. He further commented, insofar as he is aware, the nominee's honesty, integrity, morals, b6 b7C

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and associates are above reproach, and, in addition, his loyalty is beyond question. He added that he and the nominee have had frequent discussions on a number of mutual problems in their respective state, in addition to matters affecting the national and international scene, and, based on this association, he feels the nominee is outstandingly qualified to serve in an exemplary fashion in virtually any capacity in Government.

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SAN DIEGO	BUREAU	8/26/74	8/23/74

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY sg

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Date: August 26, 1974

Field Office File #: San Diego 161-678 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

OSCAR RUEBHAUSEN of New York City and Rancho Santa Fe, California, describes himself as Attorney, close friend, and advisor to NELSON ROCKEFELLER for past 25 years. He recommends ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President of the United States.

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FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE

On August 23, 1974, OSCAR M. RUEBHAUSEN, 17037 Sobre Los Cerros, Rancho Santa Fe, California, Attorney at Law with offices at 299 Park Avenue, New York City, New York, and residence at 450 East 52nd Street, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1949 when former President HARRY S. TRUMAN appointed ROCKEFELLER to head the International Development Advisory Board (Point IV Program), and RUEBHAUSEN, Democrat, to serve as Counsel of the Board. RUEBHAUSEN remarked he has been the Attorney, friend, and advisor to ROCKEFELLER ever since 1949 and to the present time. He added that when ROCKEFELLER became th Governor of New York, and throughout his time in office, he (RUEBHAUSEN) was always in close touch personally and professionally with ROCKEFELLER and throughout the years they have enjoyed a personal relationship, both social and professional.

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Mr. RUEBHAUSEN said he may possibly appear in records of New York State as a special advisor to former Governor ROCKEFELLER on atomic energy in 1959, but said it was more of a titular role than an official appointment. He explained that Mr. ROCKEFELLER sought his advice as an attorney from time to time when the New York Legislature was formulating a program concerning the peaceful use of atomic energy and his role was that of advisor within the government framework; advising Mr. ROCKEFELLER along the lines of peaceful uses of atomic energy. He again commented that he was not a paid public official in this regard and no fees were paid to him in this role of advisor.

RUEBHAUSEN said he was very pleased to hear that President FORD nominated ROCKEFELLER as his Vice Presidential choice and remarked, "The country is lucky to get him (ROCKEFELLER) for the job, if he is confirmed by the Congress." He added there is no doubt in his mind that ROCKEFELLER, if given an opportunity, will perform admirably in the office of Vice President of the United States, and he therefore very heartily recommends ROCKEFELLER as a man of exceptional character and integrity. He described him as a dedicated and capable public servant while Governor of New York and intensely loyal American citizen. RUEBHAUSEN concluded by stating he knows of no reason, based on his personal knowledge of ROCKEFELLER's conduct in office as Governor of New York and as a private citizen during the past 25 years, why Congress should withhold confirmation of ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President.

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SAN FRANCISCO	BUREAU	8/26/74	8/23 - 26/74

TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY: DONALD W. KUNO — TYPED BY: pkv

CHARACTER OF CASE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCES: WFO teletype dated 8/23/74.
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San Francisco will at Palo Alto, California interview [redacted] Hewlett-Packard Company, the evening of 8/26/74, which according to his secretary is the earliest that he will be available, as he arrives by plane that night.

At San Francisco, California will interview WALTER A. HAAS, Sr., Levi Strauss & Company, on 8/28/74 when he returns from a cruise.

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Field Office File #:	161-2450	Bureau File #:	161-6197
Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER		
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY		

Synopsis: Dr. EDWARD TELLER and Mr. GEORGE P. SHULTZ recommend Nominee.

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PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. EDWARD TELLER, University Professor, University of California at all campuses, Associate Director at Large and Associate Director for Physics, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory (LLL), Livermore, California, was interviewed at LLL on August 23, 1974. He stated he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since about 1957 when he was on a Presidential study committee called "Prospects for America," which was chaired by Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Dr. TELLER said that at first he got the impression that the Nominee agreed with everybody, however, it was not long before he realized that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had various shades of agreement and had definite opinions. He has an outstanding understanding of human nature and has a way of getting people of apparent opposing views to see things his way.

Dr. TELLER stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is as "straightforward as it is possible for a politician to be" and is entirely trustworthy. Dr. TELLER has kept in touch with the Nominee since 1957; and in 1965 or thereabouts, during the "electrical brown out" in the East, Governor ROCKEFELLER requested Dr. TELLER to be his advisor on energy

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and pollution. Since 1970 they have served together on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Dr. TELLER summed up by stating that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man whom he admires highly; and, after many years of association, respects as one of the most outstanding Americans. He said that the Nominee has a balanced point of view on matters of foreign policy and energy and realizes the necessity for dialogue with the People's Republic of China and Russia and at the same time maintaining a strong national defense.

Dr. TELLER recommended the Nominee as a man of unquestioned ability, excellent associates, good moral character, devoted loyalty to the United States, and diplomatic capability.

On August 23, 1974, Mr. GEORGE P. SHULTZ, Executive Vice President, Bechtel Corporation, 50 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, stated he has known the Nominee since 1969 when Mr. SHULTZ was Secretary of Labor and Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York. They have maintained their acquaintanceship and presently are both members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Mr. SHULTZ described the Nominee as able, intelligent, diplomatic, with an active mind and a man of human understanding. He has leadership qualities and wide experience in economic, financial, and international matters.

He is able to figure out a good viewpoint after listening to various viewpoints and knows how to handle controversy. Mr. SHULTZ stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding individual and one who is devoted to the best interests of the United States and all segments of its population. He is not biased in any way. He is a man of good character, associates, and unquestioned loyalty. In addition, he is an excellent organizer, can recognize talent, and is able to get good talent around him. Mr. SHULTZ recommended him highly.

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TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Miami, Florida b6 b7C
Date: 8/26/74

Field Office File #: 161-1145 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

RALPH A. LEHR contacted on 8/23/74 at [redacted] residence, [redacted] Fla. at which time he stated he would completely recommend nominee for any position of trust within the US Government. LEHR stated nominee is of highest integrity and completely loyal to the United States. LEHR stated he has heard of no allegations concerning nominee's honesty and considers him above reproach. b6 b7C

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On August 23, 1974, RALPH A. LEHR was contacted at the home of [redacted] Florida, telephone [redacted] LEHR was advised that the interview was being conducted upon the request of the President of the United States and at that time he furnished the following information: b6 b7C

In 1959 LEHR was Republican Chairman for Erie County, New York and as such supported WALTER MAHONEY for Governor of New York in the primary election. NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER obtained nomination and LEHR supported him for governorship.

In June or July of 1960, LEHR was appointed to Utilities Commission overseeing Con-Edison Electric. The commission was headed by JAMES J. LUNDY (since deceased). LEHR, in political activities, has had contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and Mr. ROCKEFELLER's first wife in that he has attended several social functions with them. LEHR stated he does not consider himself an intimate of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

LEHR advised he has no knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's holdings in Con-Edison but stated an investor's return was never substantial. LEHR estimates return as being only five percent. He added that there has always been a monetary problem with Con-Edison.

LEHR stated that he holds Mr. ROCKEFELLER in highest regard and has no question of his honesty or loyalty to the United States. LEHR would highly recommend him for any position of trust with the United States Government.

Interviewed on 8/23/74 at [redacted] File # MM 161-1145

by SA [redacted] JC/pwm Date dictated 8/26/74 b6 b7C

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MILWAUKEE	BUREAU	8-26-74	8/23-24/74

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

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Date: AUGUST 26, 1974

Field Office File #: MI 161-804 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: SAMUEL C. JOHNSON considers nominee to be an individual of outstanding character and reputation and has no reason to question his honesty or his loyalty to the United States Government. JOHNSON believes nominee is a man of great talent who is the most qualified to serve in a position of trust and responsibility.

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DETAILS:

BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE

SAMUEL C. JOHNSON, Chairman of the Board, S. C. Johnson and Son, Incorporated, 1525 Howe Street, Racine, Wisconsin, advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1964 and has seen him on approximately 15 occasions since that time. His father is also a friend of the nominee.

Mr. JOHNSON advised that although ROCKEFELLER has been termed liberal, a term which he finds difficult to interpret, he himself believes the nominee is a moderate Republican. By this he means that Mr. ROCKEFELLER, to his

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knowledge, possesses no extremist tendencies either right or left and he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee regarding his stand on civil rights matters.

Mr. JOHNSON believes ROCKEFELLER is a man of great talent and feels he is as qualified as anyone in the country to handle the job for which he has been nominated. Mr. JOHNSON noted the nominee served as Governor for the State of New York for many years and believed he was most successful in this position. As a result of this service, he has gained a great deal of experience and feels that this helps to qualify him for an important position.

Mr. JOHNSON also noted that in 1968, when the nominee was running for President, he, JOHNSON, ran the nominee's primary campaign in the State of Wisconsin. This would tend to indicate his feelings in regard to the nominee's capabilities.

Mr. JOHNSON described the nominee as a professional public servant and a champion of our system. He would not hesitate to highly recommend him for any position of trust and responsibility.

Mr. JOHNSON was contacted on August 24, 1974.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: U. S. Judges MANSFIELD and LUMBARD advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding administrator and knowledgable in Government procedures, a man of competence, integrity, ability, and of high morals. Judges ANDERSON, MOORE and SMITH know him primarily by reputation. All judges advised his record as Governor speaks for itself, knew or heard nothing unfavorable concerning him and recommend him for the position of Vice President. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] stated NELSON ROCKEFELLER has sincere interest in the black man, is a gifted, dedicated public servant and recommended without reservation.

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U. S. JUDGES

At New Canaan, Connecticut

On August 23, 1974, Judge WALTER R. MANSFIELD, United States Court of Appeals, 202 Dan's Highway, stated he has known nominee for many years as a result of nominee's public life and service. He has known ROCKEFELLER personally approximately ten years, which also includes fellowships and associations at official functions. Judge MANSFIELD stated he has [redacted] who was a college classmate of [redacted] b6 b7C

Judge MANSFIELD, although never having been a close friend of nominee, has worked through the years with many persons who were extremely close to nominee, as well as being in a position to hear a great deal of hearsay concerning nominee, his administration, his ability, objectives, rapport with people and understanding of national and international situations and crises. Judge MANSFIELD stated he has never, at any time, heard anything derogatory or demeaning concerning nominee, in fact, what he has heard has been quite to the contrary. Nominee is considered an understanding administrator, one having the ability to bring together differences and reconcile these differences. He has the unique faculty of being able to look at both sides of an argument objectively and making a decision on what he considers to be the merit of the case and the best interest of all involved. He is devoted to constitutional Government and democratic process. Nominee has always been one of firm opinion for equality of justice and the fearless administration of the law. He has always been forthright in his beliefs and one always knew where he stood because if there's one thing he refused to be it was "a fence straddler." Judge MANSFIELD stated nominee's accomplishments speak more eloquently of his ability than any other factor. In his opinion, should it be necessary for nominee, for any reason whatsoever, to assume the Presidency, he knows of no one more qualified by experience and temperament than nominee to assume that responsibility.

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Judge MANSFIELD stated he could only recommend and does recommend nominee in the highest terms for the office of Vice Presidency of the United States.

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Federal Judge J. EDWARD LUMBARD, [redacted] Fairfield, Connecticut, retired Senior Judge of the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals, informed on August 23, 1974, he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER approximately 15 to 18 years, and has been in frequent contact with him during this period. He described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man of the highest integrity. He praised Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man who is very knowledgeable in the activities of both Government and politics. He said ROCKEFELLER's widely known career in the field of Government, civil organizations, and state and national politics attest to his proven ability as a competent executive and a national leader. He characterized him as a strong and determined leader. b6 b7C

Judge LUMBARD informed that during the years he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER he observed him to be a man of genuine character and excellent reputation. He asserted that he has never known of nor heard of any information of an adverse or derogatory nature concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he has never known Mr. ROCKEFELLER to have any character weaknesses which might disqualify him for the office of Vice President of the United States. Judge LUMBARD continued by praising Mr. ROCKEFELLER as being fully qualified to be Vice President and completely qualified to assume the Presidency of the United States in the event it ever becomes necessary. He asserted that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal and physical fitness are definite attributes in his ability to perform his duties and that he would definitely recommend him without reservation.

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Honorable ROBERT P. ANDERSON, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York, New York, was interviewed at his residence, [redacted], Mystic, Connecticut. Judge ANDERSON advised that he had met Governor ROCKEFELLER on three or four occasions during the period 1961 to 1968 when he had met with the Governors of New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut in conjunction with a railroad appeal being heard before him. b6 b7C

He stated that he always found Governor ROCKEFELLER agreeable to work with and he believes that it is obvious, as evidenced by Governor ROCKEFELLER's public record, that he is a man of considerable competence. He noted that he does not know Governor ROCKEFELLER on a social basis. He said that, on the basis of his limited personal contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER and on the basis of his knowledge of Governor ROCKEFELLER's background and reputation, he has no reservations concerning him and considers his nomination by the President of the United States as a very good one. He reiterated that he knows of nothing that he would consider to be detrimental to this nomination.

Honorable LEONARD P. MOORE, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York, New York, was interviewed at his summer residence, [redacted], Mystic, Connecticut. Judge MOORE advised that he has never met Governor ROCKEFELLER and has never conducted any business with him. He noted that he is, of course, familiar with Governor ROCKEFELLER's public record and has a very high regard for both Governor ROCKEFELLER and his public record. He said that when he learned that Governor ROCKEFELLER had been nominated to become Vice President of the United States, he was gratified and had thought of Governor ROCKEFELLER as being "at the head of the list" b6 b7C

for such a nomination. He said he knew of nothing which might be considered detrimental to this nomination.

Honorable J. JOSEPH SMITH, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York, New York, was interviewed at his summer residence, [redacted], Black Point Beach Club, Niantic, Connecticut. Judge SMITH advised that he has never met Governor ROCKEFELLER and has never conducted any business personally with him. He noted that he is familiar with Governor ROCKEFELLER's public record and has considerable respect for the nominee and his record. He said he considers the nomination of Governor ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States to be a good nomination and he has no reservations with respect to this nomination. He said he knows of nothing which might be considered detrimental to the nomination.

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PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE:

On August 23, 1974, Mrs. [redacted], Stamford, Connecticut, stated she has known nominee since the early 1950's when [redacted], became interested in nominee's political career. Mr. [redacted] felt strongly that nominee had a sincere interest in the black man and a genuine desire to help elevate his social and economic status. They also had a close personal rapport. As a result, Mr. [redacted] was active in the campaigns of nominee when he ran for Governor of New York. During one term of office, nominee appointed Mr. [redacted] to head the Office of Community Affairs for New York State. b6 b7C

Out of this relationship grew a deep personal and lasting friendship with nominee and his wife, HAPPY ROCKEFELLER. They visited socially in each other's homes and the [redacted] also visited the ROCKEFELLER ranch in Wyoming often. b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted] holds nominee in the highest regard both as an individual and as an extremely gifted and dedicated public servant. He is an outstanding administrator and effective in conciliation and one acutely interested in justice and its impartial administration. She possesses absolutely no derogatory information concerning either nominee's personal or political life, stating his accomplishments both in the state and the nation are his most persuasive endorsements. She knows of no one with a stronger belief in democratic constitutional government nor does she know of one more qualified or capable of assuming the office to which nominee has been nominated. She recommended him without reservation. b6 b7C

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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Nominee's business acquaintances at Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, offer most favorable recommendation for nominee.

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DETAILS:

BUSINESS LEADERS:

On August 26, 1974, Mr. HOWARD J. MORGENS, Chairman of the Board, Procter and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee since approximately 1963, and had somewhat limited business and social contacts with the nominee. Mr. MORGENS advised that he first became acquainted with the nominee due to an invitation being extended to the nominee to be a guest speaker at a fund raising campaign in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. MORGENS advised that due to his limited social and

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business contacts with the nominee, he would not be able to furnish any specific details regarding nominee's background. He said, however, that his impression of the nominee is very favorable. He stated that the nominee had been an excellent Governor for the State of New York and feels that he had served in this capacity in an extremely capable manner. Mr. MORGENS advised that the nominee is a person who is "top-notch" regarding political affairs, that he is a person who knows his job well and the people around him, and is a person of much political talent. Mr. MORGENS advised that the nominee is a person whose skills in political endeavors are highly developed, that his general knowledge of political and business matters is unlimited, and feels that he is highly experienced and extremely well-qualified to assume the great responsibility for which he is being considered. Mr. MORGENS advised that he feels the nominee is a person of the utmost character, a person of unquestionable reputation, and associates, and feels that he is a most dedicated and loyal citizen of the United States. Mr. MORGENS concluded by stating that in view of the above, and in the absence of any derogatory information known regarding the nominee, he would therefore, offer ROCKEFELLER his highest recommendation.

On August 26, 1974, Mr. RALPH J. LAZARUS, Chairman of the Board, Federal Department Stores, Incorporated, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that he had become acquainted with the nominee due to the fact that he had previously served as part of a campaign committee member of an election primary during 1968, and had served as a co-chairman in this capacity. Mr. LAZARUS advised that he does in fact, know the nominee personally, however, he rarely has had an opportunity to come in contact with the nominee on a social basis. Mr. LAZARUS advised that he also became acquainted with the nominee due to the fact that he has worked closely with the nominee's brother, Mr. DAVID ROCKEFELLER, who is presently the director of the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York. Mr. LAZARUS commented that he feels the nominee is very highly qualified to assume the position for which he is being considered, stating that he feels that the nominee is a most honorable person. Mr. LAZARUS also advised that he feels that the nominee is a

very open-minded person who can accept much criticism and is also a person who goes about his job with an objective point of view. He also stated that even though he knows the nominee on a limited social basis, he would vouch for the nominee's social habits and, in addition, stated that he feels the nominee is a person of the highest caliber in regard to his general character, reputation, loyalty to the United States, as well as his associates. Mr. LAZARUS advised that he feels the nominee is a person of sound principles who is very emotionally stable and one who possesses the necessary confidence to assume the position for which he is being considered. On this basis, Mr. LAZARUS offered the nominee his highest recommendation for a position with the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA BERNARD D. MALONEY on August 26, 1974, at Dayton, Ohio:

MR. ROBERT S. OELMAN, Chairman, Executive Committee and Director of the Board, National Cash Register Company, advised he has been acquainted with nominee since about 1928 or 1929, when both attended Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. He mentioned nominee was a--1930 graduate and he, OELMAN, graduated from this college in 1931. He said in the past, he has visited the nominee in his home in New York City. He considers himself a friend of nominee, and mentioned their friendship stems from their college days. He said in 1968, he had been the Chairman of the Rockefeller for President Committee, State of Ohio. He paid him 100% support, without any reservation or qualification. He knows nothing of any derogatory nature concerning the nominee.

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Member and former member of President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and business leader comment favorably and highly recommend.

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DETAILS:

MEMBER AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB)

On August 23, 1974, Dr. JOHN S. FOSTER, JR., Vice President, Energy Research and Development, TRW Systems, One Space Park Boulevard, Redondo Beach, California, advised SA [redacted] he first met the nominee in 1960 or 1961 when it had been requested that he discuss some weapons with him and he obtained permission from President JOHN F. KENNEDY's staff to do this. Since then he and the nominee have had professional contact. For over a year FOSTER has been a member of PFIAB and has met with him on this basis. FOSTER stated that he has no reservations concerning the nominee. He does not know the nominee's personal life although he has met some of his family and has had dinner with him on occasion. Professionally FOSTER knows of no one more dedicated than the nominee. He is determined to make the best contribution he can for the country. The nominee is intensely interested in going full range and

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seeking out a full range of opinions on different subjects and deliberately looking for those having views contrary to his. The nominee tries to understand the reason for these views and is a very humane person in the sense that he tries to understand motives. The nominee's public life speaks for itself in the offices he has held for 15 years and always "come out clean". The associates of the nominee with whom FOSTER is acquainted are all professional and high caliber persons. The nominee is an absolutely loyal American. FOSTER possesses no unfavorable information concerning him and is delighted to have the opportunity to recommend him for Vice President of the United States.

On August 26, 1974, Dr. FRANKLIN D. MURPHY, Chairman of the Board, Times Mirror Company, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, California, advised SA [redacted] he first met the nominee in the early 1960's as a Presidental candidate in the California Presidential primaries. Dr. MURPHY served on PFIAB from March 1969 until the spring of 1973 and was associated with the nominee in this capacity. He knows the nominee both professionally and socially. After meetings of PFIAB, MURPHY would fly to New York and on several occasions he and Mrs. MURPHY had dinner with the nominee and Mrs. ROCKEFELLER in both New York and Washington, D. C. b6 b7C

Dr. MURPHY described the nominee as a man of great integrity who is forthright. The nominee is a good friend, and a loyal person who is highly intelligent, and who possesses tremendous energy. MURPHY said he is unable to identify any flaws which the nominee has as a human being. He stated that in the context of the nominee's service with PFIAB, the most impressive thing was the nominee's absolute forthrightness. He said one always knew where the nominee stood on any issue.

Dr. MURPHY went on to say the nominee is of the highest character and an absolutely loyal American who enjoys an excellent reputation. The nominee is always the "height of sobriety". MURPHY likewise has great respect for the nominee's wife, HAPPY, who is a forthright

and charming person. The nominee's associates are all high caliber individuals and he surrounds himself with "first rate people". MURPHY is acquainted with the nominee's brother, DAVID, for whom he has enormous respect.

Dr. MURPHY said it is the great tragedy of modern American history that the nominee has never been President. He said that from every point of view the nominee is qualified for the position of Vice President and he offers his highest recommendation.

BUSINESS LEADER

On August 26, 1974, JUSTIN W. DART, Chairman of the Board and President, Dart Industries, Incorporated, 8480 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised SA [redacted] he first knew the nominee about 20 years ago when he, DART, served on the Rockefeller Brothers Planning Foundation which he said, exclusive of himself, was composed of many prominent individuals including former Secretary of State DEAN RUSK. DART was appointed Finance Chairman in one of nominee's Presidential primary campaigns in California. b6 b7C

The nominee does things proficiently. His background is such that he was brought up to be careful with money and in all matters. The nominee is of highest morals. DART highly recommends the nominee and stated "the country would be lucky to get him". The nominee is a student of Government and the Rockefeller Planning Foundation did a study of the reappraisal of the whole governmental system. The nominee has very much of an inquiring mind and has his own staff of highly qualified intellectuals which is where Secretary of State HENRY KISSINGER got his start. There was some controversy about nominee's divorce, but his wife, HAPPY, is a very charming woman and an asset to him. DART likewise has a high regard for the nominee's brothers, LAURANCE and DAVID with whom he is acquainted.

Mr. DART formerly wrote a letter to the President recommending Governor RONALD REAGAN as his choice for Vice President, but he stated there is no one who could fault the choice of NELSON ROCKEFELLER and he highly recommends.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the following newspaper articles concerning nominee:

One article from the "Buffalo Evening News, concerning nominee's ownership of property in Venezuela;

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Eight articles from the "Buffalo Evening News", three articles from the "Buffalo Courier Express" and two articles from the Rochester "Times Union", concerning nominee's handling of the prison rebellion at Attica Correctional Facility, Attica, New York in September, 1971;

One article from the Rochester "Times Union" concerning nominee's campaign contributions;

One article from the Rochester "Times Union" concerning nominee's campaign spending;

One article from the Rochester "Times Union" concerning nominee's awarding of New York State contracts to a computer firm.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The investigative period of this report is extended to reflect the interview of [redacted] on March 26, 1969, by the Buffalo Division, conducted during a previous background investigation of nominee at the request of the White House. b6 b7C

NEWSPAPER LIBRARIES

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

There are in Buffalo, New York, two newspapers of general circulation. They are the "Buffalo Evening News" and the "Courier Express." Mr. ROCKEFELLER was mentioned in newspaper articles regarding the takeover of the Attica Correctional Facility, Attica, New York, and subsequent deaths of 43 inmates and prison personnel on September 13, 1971. Pertinent articles from the two newspapers are being enclosed with this report.

An article in the July 11, 1959 edition of the "Buffalo Evening News," deals with property holdings of nominee in Venezuela. This article is being enclosed with this report.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted], Gannett News Library, Rochester, New York, made available to Special Agent [redacted] the news files maintained on the nominee which b6 b7C

she stated contain primarily news items bearing on the nominee's decisions as Governor of New York which affected Monroe County and Rochester, New York. Pertinent articles from the "Times Union," a daily newspaper at Rochester, New York, are being enclosed with this report.

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

The 1972-73 edition of Who's Who in America page 2679, contains biographical sketch of ROCKEFELLER. A review of the sketch revealed no information pertinent to the Buffalo Division.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. BARBER B. CONABLE, Jr., Alexander, New York, U.S. Representative, was contacted and advised that he had been interviewed two days prior, August 21, 1974, by another Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. at which time he furnished information regarding NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. [redacted], Personal Secretary to United States Congressman THADDEUS DULSKI, advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, that Congressman DULSKI stated he was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. concerning the nomination of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], at Buffalo, New York on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], Case Worker, Office of the Honorable JACK KEMP, Member of Congress, [redacted], Buffalo, New York, advised that Congressman KEMP had been previously interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., regarding the nomination of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President. b6 b7C

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On August 23, 1974, United States Marshal [redacted], Western District of New York, was interviewed at Rochester, New York, and he advised that New York State Assemblyman DON W. COOK, [redacted], Rochester, New York, was on a ship destined for Nova Scotia, where Mr. COOK would be vacationing for some time. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Buffalo, New York, on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

ALBERT J. HAUSBECK, New York State Assemblyman, Second Floor, Donovan Building, 125 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, advised that Assemblyman STEPHEN R. GRECO, [redacted], Buffalo, New York, is a Democrat Assemblyman representing the City of Buffalo. HAUSBECK further stated that Mr. GRECO is presently on vacation in Canada and will not return to the United States for approximately ten days. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Williamsville, New York:

[redacted], Williamsville, New York, advised that her husband is [redacted], who also resides at the above address. Mrs. [redacted] further advised that her husband is a Republican and was formerly a New York State Assemblyman. She stated that her husband resigned on [redacted], in order to take another position. She further stated that no replacement has been named for her husband. b6 b7C

In view of the fact that [redacted] is no longer connected with the New York State Assembly, the Buffalo Office will not contact him regarding his views concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Niagara Falls, New York on August 22, 1974:

[redacted], advised [redacted], LLOYD H. PATERSON, New York State Senator (Republican), 60th District, is presently on vacation in Ireland and will not return to the United States until September 6, 1974. b6 b7C

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On August 22, 1974, [redacted], Administrative Assistant to Bishop ROBERT R. SPEARS, Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, [redacted], Rochester, New York advised that Bishop SPEARS is on vacation and he does not believe that Bishop SPEARS has had any personal contact with the nominee.

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: U.S. Congressmen, members of the NYS Legislature, federal and local members of the Judiciary, federal and local public officials, officials of local bar associations, local political leaders, prominent attorneys, business leaders, local labor officials and religious, minority and ethnic leaders were interviewed in regard to ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice President of the United States. Comments were generally favorable regarding nominee's character, honesty, integrity, reputation, choice of associates, loyalty to the U.S. and abilities as a public official and administrator. Some individuals interviewed criticized ROCKEFELLER for his handling of the prison rebellion at Attica Correctional Facility, Attica, N.Y. in September, 1971. It was questioned whether nominee had anything to do with the 1973 indictment of N.Y. State Assembly Speaker PERRY DURYEA, for an election law violation in order to damage DURYEA's political reputation. Nominee's designation of new positions to enforce the new N.Y. State drug law was questioned as being created for increased political patronage. Nominee was criticized for the high taxes and numerous welfare benefits in the State of New York. It was said that nominee has circumvented the N.Y. State Constitution by establishing numerous authorities such as the N.Y. State Thruway Authority and by having Albany County finance the construction of the new South Mall in Albany, N.Y. with N.Y. State making payments to Albany County, avoiding statewide referendum. Democrat ARTHUR O. EVE, N.Y. State Assemblyman from Buffalo, advised he introduced resolution for impeachment of nominee as N.Y. State Governor as a result of nominee's handling of Attica Prison Rebellion. EVE criticized nominee for support of legislation requiring

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residence in N.Y. State before being eligible to receive public assistance. No outstanding tax liens or property ownership regarding nominee was located.

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INTERVIEWS WITH UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON:

On August 23, 1974, Honorable FRANK HORTON, United States Congressman, 34th District, 316 Federal Building, Rochester, New York, advised he has known the nominee since about 1958. He said he knows him politically and socially, and has on several occasions visited with nominee at nominee's homes in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

Representative HORTON said he considers nominee to be straightforward, a man of integrity, excellent morals and a very loyal American. He said he has campaigned with nominee on several occasions and there has never been any question of unethical or illegal campaigning on his part.

Representative HORTON advised he is very pleased that ROCKEFELLER has been nominated for the Vice Presidency of the United States and recommended him highly for this position.

The following investigation was conducted by SAA [redacted] on August 23, 1974 at Rushford, New York: b6 b7C

United States Representative JAMES F. HASTINGS, 39th Congressional District, stated that he had been acquainted with the nominee since 1963 when he became a United States Representative and the nominee was Governor of New York State. He stated that although he has philosophical differences with nominee, these are overshadowed by nominee's integrity and outstanding leadership. He stated that during his years of association with nominee, he never knew nominee to misuse his office for the pupose of his or another person's personal gain. He also stated that during his many years of association with nominee, he has never known of any [redacted] incidents which nominee attempted to cover up through the power of Governor of the State of New York.

He further characterized nominee as an intelligent, aggressive, and personable statesman who has the wisdom and knowledge to fulfill the duties of a leadership position within the United States Government. Representative HASTINGS stated he has no reason to question nominee's morals, character, sobriety, choice of associates, or loyalty to the United States and he highly recommended nominee for a position of trust.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

GORDON DEHOND, New York State Senator from the 52nd District, was contacted at his residence, [redacted], Irondequoit, New York. b6 b7C Senator DEHOND stated that he has had contact with nominee on a social basis at group gatherings on approximately six occasions since 1973, and the extent of this contact has been limited to an introduction and shaking hands. Senator DEHOND said that he has assisted in the organization of rallies for the political support of the nominee. He said he has never encountered any circumstance which he would consider unethical or illegal on the part of the nominee. In addition, Senator DEHOND stated that while he does not agree in some cases with nominee's political philosophy, he regards the nominee as a man of integrity whose ethics are of the highest caliber.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

JAMES D. GRIFFIN, Member of the Senate, State of New York, [redacted], Buffalo, New York, advised that he has been a State Senator for eight years and as such has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis. He advised that ROCKEFELLER is a friendly man whom you cannot help but like once you meet him. He described ROCKEFELLER as being of high moral standards and good character. He stated that he is a Roman Catholic and does not approve of ROCKEFELLER's divorce; however, he stated that this is a personal feeling based on his religious beliefs. b6 b7C

Senator GRIFFIN stated that he knows of no specific organizations ROCKEFELLER belongs to and advised that he has never known ROCKEFELLER to do anything that might be considered unethical or illegal. He stated that as a member of the Democratic party, he is not as closely associated with ROCKEFELLER as his Republican colleagues; however, he feels that ROCKEFELLER has the ability to be a capable Vice President.

Senator GRIFFIN advised the only reservation he has concerning ROCKEFELLER is his tremendous wealth which he feels might be of possible concern if ROCKEFELLER tries to influence people to his way of political thinking; however, he knows of no specific instance wherein this has happened. Senator GRIFFIN advised that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

ALBERT J. HAUSBECK, who resides at [redacted] Avenue, Buffalo, New York, was interviewed at his office, which is located on the Second Floor of the Donovan Building, 125 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. b6 b7C

HAUSBECK advised that he is a Republican Assemblyman representing the City of Buffalo and has been for the past 15 years.

HAUSBECK stated that he has been acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER on a professional as well as social basis. From his professional contacts with MR. ROCKEFELLER, HAUSBECK stated that the nominee is a man of tremendous ability and in his opinion, will have no problem occupying the office of Vice President of the United States.

HAUSBECK further stated that during his 15-year tenure in the New York State Assembly, he has socially met with MR. ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions. He stated that from these meetings MR. ROCKEFELLER has shown that his integrity, character, and personal associations are beyond question.

HAUSBECK exhibited a copy of a personal letter he had written to President FORD on August 9, 1974, recommending without any reservations that MR. ROCKEFELLER be strongly considered for the Vice Presidential nomination. HAUSBECK stated that he has served in the New York State Assembly for the past 15 years, during which for the most part MR. ROCKEFELLER was the Governor of the State of New York. HAUSBECK further stated that during 10 of those years he was a member of the Democratic Party and from this association he can be sure that MR. ROCKEFELLER has the respect and admiration of both parties.

HAUSBECK concluded that he knows of no derogatory information concerning MR. ROCKEFELLER. HAUSBECK then restated that MR. ROCKEFELLER is well-deserving of the nomination he has received.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Niagara Falls, New York, on August 23, 1974:

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RICHARD J. HOGAN (Republican), New York State Assemblyman, 139th District, was contacted at his place of employment, Hooker Chemical Corporation, 6th Floor, Carborundum Center, Niagara Falls, New York. HOGAN advised he does not know NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis, but evaluates him as a good choice for Vice President of the United States. He stated the nominee has excellent background qualifications and credentials for the position. His life-long record of public service speaks for itself and were there anything of a derogatory nature concerning his morals, ethics and professional ability, they would have been exposed long ago. HOGAN has no personal knowledge of anything in ROCKEFELLER's background that would discredit the office he seeks in the United States. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, JAMES T. MC FARLAND, Attorney and Republican State Senator, for New York's 59th District, advised as follows:

MC FARLAND has known and been associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for approximately 10 years and stated that his integrity, trustworthiness and reliability are above question. Nominee readily sees his responsibilities and accepts them in like manner. MC FARLAND further described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an intelligent, hardworking and high principled individual. There is no reason whatsoever to question his loyalty or dedication and he knows of no affiliations with interests inimical to those of the United States which he may have.

MC FARLAND further advised that nominee is an extremely resourceful individual and one who inspires loyalty in those persons working for him. He exhibits qualities of courage, in that he adheres to his convictions and judgments and readily admits when he is wrong. Because of his qualities of mind, conscience, emotional stability and moral integrity, MC FARLAND strongly recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for a position of trust with the Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 23, 1974, at Jamestown, New York:

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New York State Senator JESS J. PRESENT, Hotel Jamestown Building, advised that he has been socially and professionally acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1964 and considers him to be a person of the highest integrity. He advised that his character, reputation and associates are above reproach and he considers him to be a loyal American citizen, as well as a dynamic administrator with the charisma to get along with persons in all walks of life. He feels he is fully qualified to handle the responsibilities of the Vice Presidency and recommends him for this position without hesitation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Big Flats, New York: b6 b7C

WILLIAM T. SMITH, II, Republican New York State Senator, advised as follows:

He has been acquainted with former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since Senator SMITH was first elected to the New York State Legislature in 1963 and respects the nominee for his demonstrated sincerity and administrative abilities. Throughout their many years of acquaintanceship and working together in Albany, there has never arisen any question of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's honesty or integrity. The nominee enjoys an excellent reputation and is known to be a loyal and patriotic American citizen. Mr. ROCKEFELLER is well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States by his considerable experience and although over the years the nominee and he have had many philosophical differences in their political thinking and approach to current problems, he believes that President FORD has made a fine choice in this matter.

Senator SMITH advised he personally recommends the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

FREDERICK L. WARDER, [redacted], Geneva, New York, New York State Senator, Republican, 52nd District, advised he has served the State of New York as an Assemblyman for ten years and two years as a State Senator. He stated he has known the nominee on a personal basis for the past 12 years. WARDER stated that he considers the nominee as his top choice for the position of Vice President of the United States, even though he and the nominee have had disagreements through the years. He stated that most of these disagreements were over the expenditure of state funds and other fiscal problems and did not have anything to do with the nominee's personal character. b6 b7C

WARDER stated he considers the nominee to be a person of highest integrity and a person whose "word is good." He stated that the nominee has outstanding administrative abilities and is definitely qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Rochester, New York on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

THOMAS R. FREY, New York State Assemblyman, [redacted], Rochester, New York advised that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER, but does not know him personally. He said to his knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man of good character and a loyal American citizen. He further advised that while he may not always agree with Mr. ROCKEFELLER's policies, he certainly knows of nothing which should preclude him from becoming Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

FRED J. ECKERT, New York State Senator, [redacted], Rochester, New York, advised that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER, but does not know him on a personal basis. He said Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man of high character and a loyal American citizen. ECKERT stated the only reservations he would have about ROCKEFELLER would be based on his political judgements rather than his character. b6 b7C

ECKERT advised that he is concerned about the indictment last year of PERRY DURYEA, New York State Assembly Speaker, on a state election law violation. ECKERT stated that the indictment was for an obscure election law violation, which has probably been violated many times by others through ignorance of the law. He said DURYEA is the only person ever indicted on this violation, and he has since been vindicated.

ECKERT further advised that the indictment of DURYEA coincided with the resignation of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Governor of New York. He said it is generally believed that ROCKEFELLER resigned to run for President in 1976 and he felt safer with MALCOLM WILSON as Governor of New York. ECKERT explained that DURYEA planned to run for Governor and the indictment severely damaged him politically. He said there is a general feeling in Albany that the indictment was a move by ROCKEFELLER to destroy DURYEA as a candidate for Governor and subsequently, DURYEA's chance of control of the New York State delegation at the 1976 Republican Convention.

ECKERT further stated that although he has no specific information on the DURYEA indictment, he feels it could be a potentially embarrassing situation for ROCKEFELLER and is a matter that should be considered.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, ARTHUR O. EVE, New York State Assemblyman (Democrat), advised as follows:

EVE, in his capacity as legislator, has been acquainted with Vice Presidential nominee NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since approximately 1967. Mr. EVE stated that, in 1972, he introduced a resolution into the New York State Assembly calling for the impeachment of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER from his position as the Governor of New York State. This resolution contains a succinct summary of EVE's objections to the actions of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER in connection with the prisoner rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in September, 1971.

Mr. EVE stated he feels the nominee's failure to go to the area where the prisoner rebellion occurred to obtain first-hand information and make reasonable decisions thereon, demonstrated nominee's lack of leadership at a critical time.

On another occasion, Mr. EVE and the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus met with Governor ROCKEFELLER to object to a Residency Bill which had been passed by the New York State Legislature. Mr. EVE stated that this bill, particularly the first draft, was very discriminatory against Blacks and Puerto Ricans. He stated that he felt this bill was being used as an element to polarize the people of New York State to make people look upon Blacks and Puerto Ricans as the primary cause of all the state's financial problems. During the conference, Governor ROCKEFELLER commented to the effect that the courts would probably throw the bill out but that he was going to support it anyway. The bill was signed by Governor ROCKEFELLER and became law, and the courts subsequently struck it down. Mr. EVE feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER knew the Residency Bill was unconstitutional but was going to support it anyway. Mr. EVE feels this reflects on the nominee's integrity and that the bill nominee supported was highly discriminatory against the Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

Mr. EVE stated he has no knowledge of any unethical practices by the nominee but feels that his activities in connection with the prisoner revolt at Attica in 1971 and the Residency Bill reflect on his leadership and integrity.

Mr. EVE would not recommend the nominee for the Vice Presidency of the United States because of the insensitivity and lack of leadership shown in the last three years of the nominee's administration of New York State in dealing with and resolving the problems of all of the people of New York State.

Mr. EVE stated that a copy of his resolution for the impeachment of Governor ROCKEFELLER and the Residency Bill to which he referred could be obtained from the New York Legislative Record and Index for 1972 and either 1970 or 1971, respectively.

Copies of the aforementioned impeachment resolution and the aforementioned Residency Bill follow:

38 EVE — Whereas, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, despite his constitutional obligation to "take care that the laws are faithfully executed", despite his legal responsibility for the overall operation of the State corrections system, despite his executive obligations in situations of emergency within the State, willfully rejected the request of the Attica Observer Committee, including five State legislators and one United States Congressman, to go to Attica, New York during the inmate rebellion and confer with the Observer Committee, even when such Committee made it clear that there was imminent danger of great loss of life which his presence might avert; and

Whereas, Said Rockefeller willfully refused a direct request from members of the legislature and others of the Attica Observer Committee for more time in which to attempt an orderly and peaceful resolution of the crisis and prevent the unnecessary destruction of human lives; and

Whereas, Nelson A. Rockefeller is responsible for sending military, police, and corrections personnel into Attica Correctional Facility on September 13, 1971 who were armed with unnecessary deadly force and who used unnecessary deadly force, firing indiscriminately into the inmate population, in violation of state and federal law, as well as Correctional Services departmental policy, resulting in the loss of life for forty-three persons (and possibly more); and

Whereas, Nelson A. Rockefeller has defaulted in his executive authority by virtue of his failure, through refusal, neglect or inability, to control those answerable to him for the operation of the State's correctional facilities, as evidenced by the widespread lies in connection with the rebellion propagated by persons under his direction and control, the illegal summary punishment inflicted upon inmates following the rebellion, the denial of adequate medical treatment for injured inmates, the lawless disregard for due process guarantees in the imposition of segregation, transfers and other punitive sanctions; and

Whereas, Nelson A. Rockefeller has admitted responsibility for the manner in which the State responded to the Attica Correctional Facility inmate rebellion; and

Whereas, Said Governor appears unwilling or unable to use his executive authority to control the wholesale abuse of inmates and their rights in state correctional facilities which, at Attica and elsewhere, before the rebellion and since, has acted as a deep seated source of grievance for the state's prison population and for all citizens concerned with fair treatment under the law; and

Whereas, Nelson A. Rockefeller has otherwise wrongfully and illegally acted or omitted to act in the area of his legal and constitutional obligations with respect to corrections;

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Assembly of the State of New York that Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, be and is hereby impeached for wrongful and illegal conduct in office and for his high crimes and misdemeanors.

Rules Com.

CHAPTER 606

AN ACT to institute a temporary requirement of residency for eligibility for assistance and care during a period of emergency which threatens the economic and social viability of the state

Became a law June 22, 1971, with the approval of the Governor. Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The state of the economy in New York and elsewhere is one of severe stringency. The combination of inflation and high unemployment undermines the capacity of governments at all levels to meet the need for public services and to deal effectively with growing social problems, as well as the capacity of individual citizens to provide for their own needs.

The challenges facing the state and local governments today are manifold and are particularly acute in our urban areas. Many people are living in seriously overcrowded housing and under substandard conditions. The housing shortage is acute and rapidly becoming worse. Narcotics addiction and other forms of drug abuse have reached epidemic proportions. In many urban areas, schools, social services and health resources are seriously overburdened. Crime, dirty streets and pollution also plague our cities. Essential public services, including fire and police protection, sanitation and education, are simply becoming severely overloaded.

The growth in the welfare burden during this time of inflation and a tightening job market heightens these problems both by increasing the demand for other essential services and by necessitating a diversion of limited funds from them.

It has been a consistent state policy to provide for the sustenance of all those persons unable to provide for themselves. The state has realistically determined the minimum needs of sustenance in New York. In the face of continually increasing requirements of funds to meet these needs, both the state and local governments have continued to pay their shares. The state's share has risen from $619,691,000 in fiscal year 1967-68 to $988,773,000 in 1970-71. Based on the rate of growth in welfare costs experienced in that period, the welfare expenditure in the state would be double the 1970-71 level by fiscal year 1975-76. At the same time that dollar costs have spiraled upwards, a corresponding pattern has developed for the number of persons on welfare. New York state today has one and one-half times as many people on welfare per thousand of population as the rest of the country.

State and local governments cannot continue to finance from their own revenues the escalating costs of providing the educational, fire, police, sanitation, health and other services needed to meet the varied problems they face. Inflation and the rapid growth

EXPLANATION — Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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in the cost of providing basic public services have resulted in the highest state and local tax burden in the nation. The additional tax effort necessary to meet the projected financial requirements of welfare would only accelerate the flight of job producing and revenue producing business thereby further undermining the capacity of governments in this state to meet their responsibilities. In recognition of the impact that additional taxes would have, the legislature has already imposed severe budgeting restrictions on all aspects of the operations of state government and on the levels of local assistance provided by the state.

The welfare problem is one result of the federal government's failure to return adequate revenues to the states on an equitable basis. Despite the magnitude of the welfare problem in New York as compared to other states and despite our major effort to meet that burden, this state has received the lowest possible percentage of federal assistance of those states providing full service. The rate of federal aid for welfare is not related to the amounts paid by states to persons in need, nor to the percentage of such persons who reside in such states, nor to the maintenance of effort by such states as demonstrated in their willingness to tax their residents to support their assistance programs, nor to the extension of such assistance to needy persons not included within the categories of federal public assistance.

A significant proportion of the state's public assistance load, in terms of the numbers of recipients and the level of expenditures, is directly attributable to the national inequality of public assistance payments. Since New York has provided sufficient living allowances for needy persons and other states have not, there has been and continues to be a significant migration of persons from those states into New York state as the direct result of lack of welfare assistance and services provided by the states from which they came. The continued growth in the number of persons in need of public assistance threatens the capacity of state and local government to continue to provide and finance adequate levels of all public services, including public assistance, for those residents here as well as those coming into the state. Even with the reduction this year of public services in every field and a substantial increase in taxes, it has been necessary, for the first time, to reduce the proportion of public assistance allowances below one hundred per cent of determined need. Further reductions will clearly be necessary in the immediate future unless the rate of increase in the number of such recipients substantially abates. For persons unable to provide for themselves to come to New York state from throughout the nation is therefore unfair both to those who live here as well as to those who would seek to come here at this time and under these circumstances.

The greatest public good and least public harm will come from the maintenance of the levels of public assistance rather than from the stretching of this state's limited state and local funds to cover persons who have not yet established dependence upon them—those

who are the most recent arrivals in the state. To provide for the needs of all persons in the state, the legislature finds the establishment of a five-year emergency period during which the state will require a one-year residency as an essential step in protecting the state's economic and social viability.

§ 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and for so long as the state shall not be disqualified from federal reimbursement for its public assistance program, no payment for public assistance and care of any kind shall be made to any person applying therefore after the effective date of this act and during a period of five years thereafter which applicant has not been a resident of the state for the period of one year next preceding such application except that upon application making a showing of need, a social services district may furnish a person not entitled to assistance and care under this act with transportation and attendant expenses to another state or country, provided that such person has resided therein during the past twelve months or has legally responsible relatives therein or friends willing to undertake the obligation to support him, and in such event, the expenditure shall be reimbursed to the social services district upon the submission of an account therefor and upon the audit and warrant of the comptroller.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]:

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On August 23, 1974, Mr. JOHN J. LA FALCE, New York State Assemblyman (Democrat), advised he is personally acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. LA FALCE stated that he has no first-hand knowledge of any thing which would reflect unfavorably on the nominee's character, integrity or loyalty to the United States. He stated that aside from personal political differences with the nominee, he knows of no reason why the nominee should not be favorably considered for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 23, 1974, at Westfield, New York: b6 b7C

New York State Assemblyman JOHN W. BECKMAN, [redacted], advised that he has been acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis since 1968. He advised that he has had no personal association with him, but from comments of others and from personal observation has found him to be a capable administrator and fully qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of the Vice Presidency. b6 b7C

Assemblyman BECKMAN advised that former Governor ROCKEFELLER is an individual of excellent moral character, reputation and associates and an extremely loyal American citizen. He advised he would recommend him for the position of Vice President without hesitation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Buffalo, New York on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

FRANCIS J. GRIFFIN, Member of Assembly, State of New York, [redacted], Buffalo, New York, advised that he has been a Democratic member of the Assembly of the State of New York for 12 years. b6 b7C

GRIFFIN advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for the past 12 years and that he maintains a high degree of character and loyalty with political considerations being set aside. GRIFFIN stated that ROCKEFELLER is a very persuasive and powerful man and that he is very capable of performing the duties of Vice President. GRIFFIN stated that although ROCKEFELLER is not his personal choice for Vice President, he feels that it is as good a choice as President GERALD R. FORD could have made.

GRIFFIN stated that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and advised that ROCKEFELLER maintains high moral standards and he has never known him to do anything unethical or illegal.

GRIFFIN advised that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, DALE M. VOLKER, Central Avenue, Lancaster, New York, Attorney and New York State Assemblyman, 148th District, advised as follows:

VOLKER has known and been associated with ROCKEFELLER for two years and he stated that nominee is a strong-willed and determined man. He indicated that he feels nominee has a very forceful personality and feels that as Vice President, ROCKEFELLER would tend to have his own ideas and establish an identity of his own. However, VOLKER has no doubt that nominee will be loyal to both the President and the aims of the country.

VOLKER stated that he has no reason to question the loyalty of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and feels that he is a man of honesty and integrity and one who will stand up for his convictions.

VOLKER stated that he would recommend nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974:

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JAMES F. HURLEY, [redacted], Lyons, New York, New York State Assemblyman, 129th District, advised he has served in the New York State Assembly since January, 1973. He also stated he was Sheriff of Wayne County, New York, from 1967 to 1972. HURLEY stated that he has known nominee since about 1962, when he, HURLEY, was appointed a trooper with the New York State Police.

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HURLEY stated that with one possible exception he considers the nominee to be a person of excellent character, integrity, capable of high administrative duties and a loyal American. HURLEY stated that the one possible exception that troubles him is the reported involvement of the nominee in the indictment of PERRY B. DURYEA, Republican Speaker of the New York State Assembly.

HURLEY advised DURYEA was indicted last year by a Grand Jury in Manhattan, New York, concerning a violation of election laws. HURLEY stated this indictment received widespread publicity and even though DURYEA's indictment was later dismissed by the courts, DURYEA's reputation suffered.

HURLEY stated that DURYEA is a "liberal Republican" and is known to have aspirations to be Governor of New York State. He further stated that ROCKEFELLER and DURYEA are known to be in opposition on many matters. He stated that after DURYEA was indicted, it was rumored in Albany that Attorney General Louis LEFKOWITZ and ROCKEFELLER were responsible for the indictment of DURYEA.

HURLEY stated that in about February or March, 1974, he and several other Assemblymen had a meeting with DURYEA regarding some local legislation. He stated that during the meeting ROCKEFELLER's name was mentioned as well as the indictment of DURYEA. He stated that during the conversation, DURYEA stated that he had proof that the nominee and Attorney General LEFKOWITZ "engineered" and directed his indictment through

the District Attorney of Manhattan. HURLEY said that DURYEA did not elaborate or explain what his proof is; however, he indicated that the reason the nominee wanted him indicted was to destroy his reputation and prevent him from ever being Governor of New York State.

HURLEY stated that he has always respected the nominee and also respects DURYEA. However, he feels that if DURYEA's statement is true, he would not recommend the nominee for Vice President of the United States. HURLEY stated that there is no way for him to be sure if the allegation is true or false, therefore, he does not feel he should recommend either for or against the nominee.

HURLEY stated he cannot recall the names of other Assemblymen present during the above conversation with DURYEA, but believes that Republican Assemblyman JAMES L. EMERY, Geneseo, New York was present.

JAMES L. EMERY, [redacted], Geneseo, New York, Republican Assemblyman, New York State, 139th District, advised he has served in the New York State Assembly since 1964 and is the Deputy Majority Leader. He stated he has known the nominee since about 1960, when the nominee appointed him as Sheriff of Livingston County. EMERY said he considers the nominee to be a person above reproach and of highest integrity. He stated the nominee is of outstanding character and ability and that he would highly recommend him to be Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

EMERY was questioned concerning his possible presence at a meeting with Speaker of the New York State Assembly, PERRY B. DURYEA in about February or March, 1974, during which DURYEA reportedly stated he had proof that the nominee was directly responsible for DURYEA's indictment. EMERY stated he does not recall being present at any such meeting, and stated he has never heard DURYEA accuse the nominee of being responsible for his, DURYEA's, indictment. EMERY stated that he does recall rumors in Albany that the nominee and Attorney General LEFKOWITZ were responsible for DURYEA's indictment, but that he has never heard this from a reliable source.

EMERY could furnish no further information.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 24, 1974: b6 b7C

New York State Assemblyman ALAN J. JUSTIN, [redacted], Cheektowaga, New York, was interviewed regarding the nomination of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and he advised as follows: b6 b7C

JUSTIN stated that he has been a Republican Assemblyman for the past two years and during that period of time, he has had personal contact with the nominee. JUSTIN stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, integrity, associates and general reputation are all beyond question. He further stated that although he is of the same party as Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he disagrees with many of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's political ideologies. Mr. JUSTIN said that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has the ability as well as the honesty needed for the position of Vice President of the United States.

JUSTIN concluded that he knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER that would tend to change his opinion of him. He further stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is not prejudiced in his statements, nor does he know of any illegal or unethical practices on the part of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. CAIN on August 23, 1974:

FRANK A. CARROLL, New York State Assemblyman, [redacted], Rochester, New York, advised that he has been in the State Assembly for eight years and during this time he found the nominee to be a very competent and capable individual. He said that the nominee has excellent character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he would highly recommend the nominee for a position of trust and confidence. He added that nominee's honesty and integrity are above reproach and that the nominee has never been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. CAIN on August 23, 1974:

WILLIAM M. STEINFELDT, New York State Assemblyman, [redacted], Rochester, New York, advised that he was first in contact with the nominee in 1959. STEINFELDT said that he has been in the State Assembly for five years and during this time, he found the nominee to be a very competent and capable individual. He said that the nominee is a very ambitious individual and has great confidence in himself. He stated that the nominee is highly respected for his integrity and honesty and he has never been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns. He added that the nominee has excellent character, associates, reputation and loyalty and that he would highly recommend the nominee for a position of trust and confidence. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

New York State Senator THOMAS F. MC GOWAN, a Republican, advised that he is acquainted with the nominee due to legislative and political contacts, but is not closely associated with him. He characterized the nominee as an honorable man who attempts to be fair and was never vindictive in his administration of New York State.

Mr. MC GOWAN stated he knows of no unfavorable information which would touch on the nominee's character, integrity or reputation. He stated he is certain the nominee is loyal to the American system of Government.

Mr. MC GOWAN stated that, to his knowledge, the nominee has never engaged in any unethical practices of any kind. He added that people in public life live in glass bowls and that if the nominee had engaged in any such practices, he would certainly have become aware of this.

He stated he has on occasion had political differences with the nominee and during these differences, he found the nominee dealt with him and others with respect.

Mr. MC GOWAN feels that the nominee will do his best to fulfill his duty in any post, and would recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON:

On August 22, 1974, Honorable HAROLD P. BURKE, United States District Court Judge, Western District of New York, Rochester, New York, advised that he has never met the nominee. Judge BURKE said that he cannot comment on nominee's qualifications from personal knowledge, but that he knows of nothing that would reflect on nominee's character, moral standards, reputation, associates, loyalty to the Government or abilities which would preclude nominee's consideration for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. CAIN:

On August 22, 1974, STEPHEN S. JOY, United States Magistrate, Western District of New York, [redacted], Rochester, New York, advised that he has never had any personal contact with the nominee, that he does not know any derogatory information concerning him, and that he has no information to indicate that nominee has been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns. He added that he has no comment concerning nominee's politics. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], at Buffalo, New York, on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

EDMOND F. MAXWELL, Democrat, United States Magistrate, Western District of New York, 414 United States Court House, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has never had any personal or political contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. However, despite his opposite political affiliation with the nominee, he does not have or know of any reason why ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed as Vice President of the United States. Mr. MAXWELL advised, however, that he does not care to furnish a personal opinion or recommendation regarding the nominee.

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Honorable JOHN T. CURTIN, United States District Court Judge, Western District of New York, 614 U. S. Court House Building, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has never had any political or personal affiliation with the nominee; however, he does not have or know of any reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed as Vice President of the United States. Judge CURTIN further advised that inasmuch as he is not personally acquainted with the nominee in any manner, he does not desire to offer any personal opinion or recommendation regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's confirmation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON on August 23, 1974:

Honorable WALTER MAHONEY, Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department, Supreme Court, Erie County, Buffalo, New York, was contacted at the Appellate Division, New York State Supreme Court, Monroe County, Hall of Justice, Rochester, New York.

Judge MAHONEY advised he has known nominee for about sixteen years, both politically and socially. He advised that nominee is of high integrity, excellent moral character, and a very loyal American. Judge MAHONEY stated that his evaluation of nominee is also based on the many personal contacts they have had and that he considers nominee to be fully capable of exercising his responsibilities as Vice President of the United States. It was Judge MAHONEY's opinion that if nominee is confirmed as Vice President, nominee will continue to be one who contributes substantially to the well-being of many Americans.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

FREDRICK M. MARSHALL, Administrative Judge and Supreme Court Justice, State of New York, Erie County Building, Buffalo, New York, was interviewed and advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER in a political relationship since 1968. He stated that he has no information that would deny that nominee is a man of high integrity, excellent character and high moral principles. With regard to his ability to assume the position of Vice President, MARSHALL feels that he is an excellent candidate because of his vast administrative experience and his tremendous capacity to view situations and react to them intelligently. He further stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER possesses knowledge of the three branches of government and is an advocate of a separation of powers between the three. MARSHALL also feels that nominee has a great respect for the judiciary.

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Justice MARSHALL recommends Mr. ROCKEFELLER without reservation for the position of Vice President.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], at Buffalo, New York, on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Justice WILLIAM J. FLYNN, Republican, New York Supreme Court of Erie County, Buffalo, New York, advised that he first met the nominee in 1961 at a Republican meeting in Albany, New York, and has had limited contact with him over the years at official and political meetings. He last saw Mr. ROCKEFELLER in New York City, New York, in September, 1973, at which time Mr. ROCKEFELLER, as Governor, attended FLYNN's swearing-in ceremony to the New York Supreme Court. Justice FLYNN advised, however, that he is not a close personal or social friend of the nominee. He advised that he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER without reservation for the position of Vice President of the United States, inasmuch as his personal contact with the nominee over the years has shown nominee to be a man of impeccable character, a great administrator, and exceptionally qualified in Governmental affairs. Justice FLYNN further advised that he has no reason to question the nominee's loyalty to the United States and he is confident that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Justice MICHAEL F. DILLON, Democrat, Erie County Supreme Court of the State of New York, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for approximately 11 years. However, he has not had any personal or social relationship with him due to their opposite political affiliation. For this reason, Justice DILLON advised that he does not desire to furnish a personal recommendation; however, he stated that he considers the nominee to be a man of personal integrity, extremely capable, and obviously loyal to his country. He further stated that he does not know of any reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed as Vice President of the United States.

Justice JOSEPH P. KUSZYNSKI, Erie County Supreme Court, State of New York, Buffalo, New York, advised he first met Mr. ROCKEFELLER in 1958, at which time both were running on the Republican ticket. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER was elected Governor and he to the position of Buffalo City Judge. He further advised that as a result of the election, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has always been friendly toward him and in fact, appointed him and attended his swearing-in ceremony to the New York Supreme Court in 1965 at Buffalo, New York. Justice KUSZYNSKI advised that despite the nominee's great wealth and the fact that he was Governor of New York, he has always portrayed himself in a considerate and humble manner. He advised that in his opinion the nominee is a man of impeccable character, unquestionable loyalty to his country, and a great administrator. He also advised that he thinks the nominee was a great Governor and was more than fair to all minority and ethnic groups during his ten years in office. He stated that he would highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

Justice JOHN DOERR, Democrat, Erie County Supreme Court, State of New York, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has had personal contact over the years with the nominee as a State Senator and at political affairs; however, no personal relationship exists between them. Justice DOERR advised that he opposes Mr. ROCKEFELLER 's political philosophy and questions his judgment of not personally coming to the Attica Prison to negotiate with the inmates during the Attica Prison incident in 1971. However, he does not know of any reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed as Vice President of the United States. Justice DOERR stated that in his opinion the nominee owes his success to the fact that he can accommodate and adjust to any political situation. He stated that in view of his opposite political affiliation, he does not care to offer any additional personal opinions or a recommendation regarding the nominee's confirmation.

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JOHN T. ELFVIN, United States Attorney, Western District of New York, 502 United States Court House, Buffalo, New York, advised as follows:

Mr. ELFVIN stated that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since approximately 1962. He has met him on a number of occasions through his political activity; however, he does not know him well enough to consider him a personal friend. Mr. ELFVIN advised that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a very honest and fair individual and a hard-nosed fighter for programs he believes in. He further advised that there has never been a hint of any unethical or illegal dealings in any of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's political tactics or business dealings. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal character and reputation are above reproach.

Mr. ELFVIN stated that the nominee has always gone out of his way to be open-minded to all minority groups and has implemented numerous programs in the State of New York geared to helping minorities. As an example of this, Mr. ELFVIN stated that the nominee has been very instrumental in helping minority members into labor union ranks.

Mr. ELFVIN advised that he considers the nominee to be a top man in his field and very highly recommends him for the office of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

EDWARD S. KING, United States Marshal, United States Court House Building, Buffalo, New York, stated that he has been politically acquainted with the nominee for nearly 20 years. During this time, he has known the nominee to be an outstanding individual demonstrating exceptional character and integrity. KING believes the nominee to be more than capable of handling the position of Vice President of the United States. He also stated that should the situation arise, he believes the nominee to be qualified for the office of President of the United States.

KING further stated that he has no reason to believe that the nominee has ever behaved unethically or immorally and knows of nothing derogatory that would preclude the nominee's confirmation. KING stated that he does not know the ROCKEFELLER family socially, and would be unable to comment on the nominee's family; however, he has no reason to believe that any of these individuals would in some way compromise the nominee's position as Vice President. KING stated he feels that the nominee has never conducted his affairs in a prejudicial or racist manner, and has always paid particular concern to the plight of the minorities.

KING feels that the nominee is more than capable of carrying on his exceptional performance as a public servant on a national scale. He recommends the nominee highly for the office of the Vice President of the United States.

GEORGE V. MESAROS, Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Federal Building, Buffalo, New York, stated that he never had contact with the nominee during his tenure as Governor of the State of New York. MESAROS further advised that he has not met the nominee personally and, therefore, would be unable to comment in that regard. However, based on his knowledge of the nominee's public life, he considers the nominee to be a capable administrator.

MESAROS advised that in view of the nominee's lengthy public service career, and successful performance as Governor of the State of New York, he feels that the nominee is qualified for the office of Vice President of the United States. He does not know of any reason which would preclude the appointment of the nominee.

MESAROS stated that he has never heard, nor seen any evidence that would suggest the nominee has a particular ethnic bias or prejudice. MESAROS believes that the nominee is capable of performing the duties of Vice President of the United States as well as those of the President of the United States and recommends him for the position of Vice President.

GLENN W. BERTNESS, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Court House, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has only recently assumed the duties of District Director in this area, having resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the past several years. He has therefore, had no personal or professional contact with the nominee while the nominee was Governor of the State of New York.

BERTNESS stated that his impressions of the nominee are based purely on what he observed in the newspapers and other segments of the media. He does believe the nominee to be capable as an administrator in view of his lengthy tenure as Governor of the State of New York.

BERTNESS feels that the nominee's interest in public service has been motivated by a desire to improve the capabilities of the State Government to serve the people. He further stated that he believes the nominee would carry this desire through on a national level and believes him qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States. BERTNESS also feels that should the situation arise, the nominee would be qualified for the office of the President of the United States.

BERTNESS stated he has no reason to believe that the nominee has acted in an unethical or immoral manner, and considers him a loyal American citizen of good character and integrity. He stated that based on this peripheral view of the nominee, he recommends him for the office of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

MICHAEL A. AMICO, Sheriff of Erie County, [redacted] Avenue, Buffalo, New York, stated that he has been Sheriff of Erie County for five years, which is an elected office, and is a member of the Democratic Party. AMICO stated that he has been in law enforcement for 23 years. b6 b7C

AMICO stated that he has been acquainted with former Governor ROCKEFELLER strictly on a professional basis and would not classify himself as knowing the former Governor personally. AMICO stated that from his professional contacts with ROCKEFELLER, he would recommend him based on his knowledge of nominee's character, reputation, loyalty to the Government and personal associates. AMICO further stated that he believes the former Governor is capable of professionally and politically occupying the high office of Vice President, or of President, if needed.

AMICO stated that he believes that former Governor ROCKEFELLER helped law enforcement in New York State by his various programs and support of local and state agencies. He said that nominee helped raise the salaries of law enforcement officials, helped to establish new penal codes and in general, bettered the image of law enforcement officers. AMICO stated that he believes the former Governor is fair to all ethnic and racial groups and exhibited this in his programs and policies as Governor of New York State. AMICO stated that as a person of Italian extraction, he feels the former Governor supported qualified members of his ethnic background and specifically mentioned the former Governor's appointment of several persons of Italian extraction to high office in the State of New York.

AMICO stated that he knows of no derogatory information concerning the former Governor, his relatives, or his associates that would cause AMICO to alter his recommendation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN F. DOWNING, Deputy Mayor, City Hall, Buffalo, New York, advised as follows:

MR. DOWNING stated that he has had very little contact with MR. ROCKEFELLER, that he had met him once in Albany, but in no way does he know him personally. However, he dealt with many of MR. ROCKEFELLER'S State agencies while he was in the position of Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Buffalo. He stated that MR. ROCKEFELLER'S honesty, integrity and character are unquestionable. He has always found MR. ROCKEFELLER and his associates to be very fair and honest. He has never heard any complaints or seen any instances where MR. ROCKEFELLER showed any prejudice to any minority group.

MR. DOWNING stated his only reservation concerning MR. ROCKEFELLER is that he, MR. DOWNING, believes he is too closely allied with big business and financial interests and would be possibly subject to undue influences from these special interest groups.

CHARLES S. LIGHT, President, Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, 238 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, advised as follows:

MR. LIGHT stated that he has met MR. ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions ever since the nominee has been Governor of New York. He stated that he considers MR. ROCKEFELLER a "top drawer administrator" and a very honest and sincere individual. He stated that MR. ROCKEFELLER is highly respected for his honesty. He stated he believes MR. ROCKEFELLER is a man of ideals and would

subordinate personal political gain to his ideals. Mr. LIGHT stated that he has always known Mr. ROCKEFELLER to have associates and advisors of a very high caliber and stated that only a man of very sound character and moral principles would be able to attract men of this nature.

Mr. LIGHT advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has never demonstrated any prejudice and has always been very even handed in his dealings and very representative of his constituency.

LOUIS RUSSO, Deputy Executive of Erie County, Erie County Hall, Buffalo, New York, advised as follows:

Mr. RUSSO stated that he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER but he has never had any real personal contact with him. Mr. RUSSO advised that although he would not question Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal honesty and does not believe he has ever engaged in any illegal activities, he believes the tactics used by Mr. ROCKEFELLER in furthering some of his programs while Governor of New York State are subject to question. Mr. RUSSO advised that he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER violated the spirit, if not the letter, of the law with the use of some of these tactics. As an example of this, Mr. RUSSO stated that the New York State Constitution forbids large scale capital construction to be conducted by the State Government without approval by a statewide referendum. Mr. ROCKEFELLER avoided this in the building of the South Mall, Albany, New York, by pressuring Albany County into financing and constructing the Mall and then having the State make payments to Albany County. In this way, Mr. RUSSO stated that the State of New York was not engaged in capital construction and therefore by strict interpretation of the New York State Constitution, a referendum was not required. He stated that this clause of the Constitution has always been circumvented by Mr. ROCKEFELLER in his establishment of numerous authorities such as the New York State Thruway Authority and the State University Dormitory Authority as independent bodies for the purpose of capital construction within their own field, and thus relieving the State of engaging in capital construction and thereby avoiding a referendum.

Mr. RUSSO also advised that he considers the nominee to be a very forceful politician and he has injected himself unnecessarily into politics on the local level, particularly in the field of appointments to State positions. He stated that there has been nothing illegal done in this field but he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER has ignored certain political protocol in his handling of State appointments.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON:

On August 22, 1974, JACK B. LAZARUS, Monroe County District Attorney, Rochester, New York, advised he has had contact with nominee personally on several occasions during the seventeen years that LAZARUS has been associated with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

Mr. LAZARUS advised that these meetings have generally been with other district attorneys in the State of New York, when business of the district attorneys offices was discussed and decisions were made by nominee. He advised he also met nominee personally on some occasions.

Mr. LAZARUS advised he believes nominee to be of excellent moral character, high integrity, an extremely capable individual and a very loyal American. He said he is very pleased with the choice of nominee for Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, THOMAS F. HASTINGS, Chief of Police, Rochester, New York, advised that he met nominee once several years ago, but would be unable to make any comment as he does not know nominee personally.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Mr. EDWARD C. COSGROVE, Erie County District Attorney, Erie County Hall, Buffalo, New York advised as follows:

Mr. COSGROVE stated that he has never met Mr. ROCKFELLER and has no personal knowledge of any derogatory information concerning him. He advised that he does not consider himself to be in a position to comment on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal character.

Mr. COSGROVE advised that he has caused a complete search of the records of the Erie County District Attorney's Office and has found no derogatory information contained in these records.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], at Rochester, New York, on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

THOMAS P. RYAN, Jr., Mayor of Rochester, advised he has been in office since January, 1974, and MALCOLM WILSON has been Governor of New York State since that time. He stated he has had no professional contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER and does not know him socially. He stated he therefore cannot comment specifically but that he has heard nothing derogatory concerning nominee. Mayor RYAN stated he has no information indicating that ROCKEFELLER ever employed any unethical or illegal campaign tactics and has heard nothing indicating any illegal behavior whatsoever on the part of nominee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

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LUCIEN A. MORIN, County Manager, Monroe County, Rochester, New York, advised as follows:

He has known the nominee since the early 1960's. Mr. MORIN was a town official in Henrietta, New York, when he first met Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. MORIN subsequently became a county legislator and then County Manager, and his contacts with the nominee increased. Mr. MORIN has met with the nominee both as an individual and as a member of groups.

Mr. MORIN has a great deal of respect for the integrity of the nominee. He would feel very comfortable with Mr. ROCKEFELLER serving as Vice President of the United States. The nominee has displayed a great deal of fairness in his dealings with people. He has an ability to address problems and he is also able to get action on problems. Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a loyal American citizen, who believes and practices the principles established in the United States Constitution.

Although Mr. MORIN's political philosophy has been opposed to the nominee's in the past, Mr. MORIN would like to have Mr. ROCKEFELLER serve as Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

WORTH D. HOLDER, Executive Vice President, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, [redacted], Rochester, New York, advised that he has met the nominee on a number of occasions, as a result of Mr. HOLDER's position with the Chamber of Commerce. b6 b7C

Mr. HOLDER said he considers the nominee to be both personable and cooperative. He said that nominee's character and integrity are above reproach, and that nominee is a loyal and dedicated American citizen. He commented that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a dedicated public servant and a capable administrator.

Although Mr. HOLDER has disagreed with the nominee's political philosophy in the past, Mr. HOLDER feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an excellent nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

THOMAS R. BLAIR, Commissioner of Police, Buffalo Police Department, [redacted], Buffalo, New York was interviewed and advised he has been Commissioner of Police in Buffalo, New York, since April, 1973, and prior to that time had been Deputy Commissioner from 1962, and has been on the police force since 1937. He stated he has met former Governor ROCKEFELLER infrequently during the period of time when he was Governor, although he does not know the former Governor socially. b6 b7C

Commissioner BLAIR advised he is a Democrat and is opposed to Mr. ROCKEFELLER for his various stands as a politician; however, he stated he does not know of anything derogatory against former Governor ROCKEFELLER as a man based on his knowledge of his character, loyalty, reputation and associates. He believes former Governor ROCKEFELLER did not abuse his office while he was Governor and stated he definitely was not prejudiced towards any racial or ethnic minority, and perhaps went out of his way to accommodate racial and ethnic minorities.

Commissioner BLAIR advised that, politically, he opposed former Governor ROCKEFELLER's programs to revise the penal law of New York State which he feels led to an increase of crime in New York State. He made it quite clear he feels former Governor ROCKEFELLER's views on the subject are of a different philosophy than Commissioner BLAIRs personally, and he certainly would not attempt to disqualify former Governor ROCKEFELLER for his personal views on this subject.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

JOSEPH P. RUNFOLA, President, Erie County Bar Association, 405 Brisbane Building, Buffalo, New York, advised as follows:

Mr. RUNFOLA stated that he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER, but he does not know him personally. He stated that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an honorable man and very competent in foreign affairs. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER and his family, particularly through the Rockefeller Foundation, have done a considerable amount of good for this country.

Mr. RUNFOLA stated, however, that he does have a number of reservations concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He cited Mr. ROCKEFELLER's handling of the Attica Prison Riot in September, 1971, while he was Governor of New York State. He stated that he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER made a number of errors in this matter, one being that he refused personally to negotiate with the prisoners prior to the storming of the prison by New York State Troopers. He stated further Mr. ROCKEFELLER, while appropriating $2½ Million for the prosecution of individuals involved in the riot, refused any appropriations for the defense of these individuals. Mr. RUNFOLA stated that he questions whether Mr. ROCKEFELLER would have handled this matter in the same way if the prisoners were predominantly white.

Mr. RUNFOLA advised that his main objection to Mr. ROCKEFELLER is that he considers the nominee to be too much of a politician and feels that he would subordinate his conscience for political ambition. Mr. RUNFOLA stated that just prior to Mr. ROCKEFELLER resigning as Governor of New York State, he designated 100 new positions equivalent to New York Supreme Court Judges to enforce the new New York State Drug Law. He stated that he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER pressured the New York State Legislature into passing the Drug Law and the judgeship positions. He stated that he believes these positions were designed primarily to increase patronage in the State of New York.

Mr. RUNFOLA also questions Mr. ROCKEFELLER's handling of domestic affairs within the State of New York, while he was Governor. He stated that the State of New York is currently in a "domestic mess" with the highest taxes in the nation. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has taken care of the poor with numerous welfare benefits, but he has forgotten the middle income group who are being "taxed to death" in the State of New York.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON on August 22, 1974:

CHARLES F. CRIMI, Attorney, 700 Wilder Building, Rochester, New York, President of the Monroe County Bar Association, advised that he has never met nominee personally.

Mr. CRIMI, a Democrat, advised that he believes that nominee is a good administrator. He said that he thinks that nominee has become too conservative in his political philosophy in recent years. He commented that he believes nominee is very powerful and that legislators "bow to nominee's will," but that he feels that nominee is a good man.

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POLITICAL LEADERS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 22, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

JOSEPH F. CRANGLE, Chairman of the Democratic Party for Erie County and New York State, was interviewed at his Headquarters, 700 Genesee Building, Buffalo, New York. Mr. CRANGLE stated that he has been Democratic State Chairman since December 1, 1971 and Erie County Chairman since June 1, 1965. He stated in the course of the past decade, he has met former Governor ROCKEFELLER perhaps two dozen times, both professionally and socially, and stated that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, reputation or associates.

Mr. CRANGLE stated he feels nominee is capable of handling the job of Vice President of the United States based on his considerations mentioned above. However, Mr. CRANGLE stated he obviously disagrees with Mr. ROCKEFELLER's political views and stated he would not recommend him for what he termed to be obvious political differences.

Mr. CRANGLE advised he knows of no activity on the part of the former Governor which would disqualify him in a criminal or ethical sense from becoming Vice President. He further stated he does not believe former Governor ROCKEFELLER maintains any prejudices, either personally or professionally, against any racial or ethnic group; nor does he know of any relative or associate of ROCKEFELLER's that would reflect adversely on the reputation of the former Governor.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

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R. GRAHAM ANNETT, Chairman of the Monroe County Republican Party, Rochester, New York, advised that he has only served in his present position for three weeks but that he has met the nominee on several occasions at receptions. Although Mr. ANNETT does not personally know the nominee, he said that nominee has a reputation for being a person of great honesty and integrity. Mr. ANNETT knows of no scandals during Mr. ROCKEFELLER's tenure of office. Mr. ANNETT said that he would like to see Mr. ROCKEFELLER serve as Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Buffalo, New York:

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THOMAS MC KINNON, Erie County Chairman of the Republican Party, stated he has held this position since December 29, 1973. He advised he is also Commissioner of Erie County Park Department, having served in that capacity for two years.

MC KINNON advised he has been a Republican Committeeman for 22 years. He has attended the National Republican Conventions and has supported Mr. ROCKEFELLER in his political quests for Governor of New York State and for the Republican nomination for President of the United States.

MC KINNON stated he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on many occasions while serving in Albany as Secretary for the Speaker of the New York State Senate, MALCOLM WILSON, who is the present Governor of New York State. MC KINNON stated he was also appointed by ROCKEFELLER, when nominee was Governor of the State of New York to serve as New York State Athletic Commissioner.

MC KINNON advised he knows ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment on his personal character, integrity and associates and to say unequivocally that he knows of nothing derogatory in ROCKEFELLER's personal or public life.

MC KINNON advised that, politically speaking, he recommends Mr. ROCKEFELLER because of his ability as an executive, as demonstrated by his many years as Governor of New York State. MC KINNON stated he knows of nothing in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's record or character that would indicate he has any prejudice toward any ethnic or racial group.

MC KINNON said that Mr. ROCKEFELLER acted wisely during the riot at Attica Prison in September, 1971, by not capitulating to the demands of the convicted inmates, which if Mr. ROCKEFELLER had done, would have demeaned the Office of the Governor of the State of New York.

Mr. MC KINNON commented that NELSON ROCKEFELLER's sole interest in becoming a political leader was one of public service since he was already a man of considerable wealth and power.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON:

On August 23, 1974, LAWRENCE J. KIRWAN, Chairman, Democratic Committee of Monroe County, 400 Powers Building, Rochester, New York advised he has never met nominee. Mr. KIRWAN commented that he and nominee have been opponents in political matters and that he has never known nominee to be involved in any illegal or unethical campaigning.

Mr. KIRWAN advised that he is aware of nothing which would preclude nominee's suitability for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted at Lockport, New York, on August 23, 1974 by Special Agents [redacted] b6 b7C

The Honorable WILLIAM E. MILLER, former Republican Party National Committee Chairman, and 1964 Republican Vice Presidential Candidate, [redacted], Lockport, New York, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

Mr. MILLER has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, the nominee, since 1958 when MILLER supported ROCKEFELLER in ROCKEFELLER's successful campaign for the Governorship of the State of New York on the Republican ticket. Mr. MILLER seconded the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the office of President of the United States at the Republican National Convention at Miami, Florida, in 1968. Mr. MILLER described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man of the highest moral character, who in no way has ever displayed a lack of integrity throughout the time that Mr. MILLER has known the nominee. Mr. MILLER advised that to the best of his knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has no business interests in the Western New York area nor does he have membership either in fact or as an honorary member in any organization in Western New York. Mr. MILLER stated that to the best of his knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has never improperly profited in any way from public office and has never charged the Republican Party or the taxpayers of New York for items utilized for personal reasons. Mr. MILLER stated that in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is one of the few holders of elective office who has in fact given more money away to the public than he has ever received through elective office.

Mr. MILLER stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER was divorced from his first wife in approximately 1962 or 1963 after a long unsuccessful marriage. Mr. MILLER stated that the nominee met his second and present wife when she worked as a volunteer in the nominee's New York State gubernatorial campaign in 1958 or 1962. Mr. MILLER has no knowledge of any improper actions of a moral or unethical nature with regard to the nominee's prior marital differences.

Mr. MILLER described the nominee as being a strong executive leader in New York State who was often open to the charge of placing the Legislative Branch subservient to the Executive Branch. Mr. MILLER, however, believes that this fact is merely a projection of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's strong leadership and is most definitely not the result of any questionable political dealings.

Mr. MILLER stated that he has heard allegations in the past that the nominee had used his influence to acquire "cheap land leases" on sections of the Adirondack Preserve for some of the nominee's friends. Mr. MILLER stated that he discussed this very question personally with the nominee and the nominee denied these allegations to Mr. MILLER. Mr. MILLER stated that in talking with numerous individuals whom he could not specifically name regarding this question, no one has ever been able to name a specific friend of the nominee's who leased such land.

Mr. MILLER characterized the nominee and the nominee's family as being of outstanding character. Mr. MILLER highly recommended the nominee for confirmation as Vice President of the United States and could offer no reason whatsoever as to why the nominee would not be fit to occupy high office.

Mr. MILLER does not have any knowledge of the nominee's income tax status, however, he stated that nothing has ever come to his attention to indicate that the nominee had in any way failed to pay taxes which were properly due.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Niagara Falls, New York: b6 b7C

EARL W. BRYDGES, former New York State Senator, Parkway Apartments, [redacted], Niagara Falls, New York, advised he has known former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for approximately 20 years. Mr. BRYDGES stated that through his being the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate for seven years, he worked very closely with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on almost a daily basis during the legislative sessions. BRYDGES stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's abilities as a statesman are superlative and of the highest order as are his objectives and his ability to handle those objectives. b6 b7C

Mr. BRYDGES stated that he knows former Governor ROCKEFELLER through these political contacts and he has had no outside business dealings with him which were not of a political nature.

Mr. BRYDGES further advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER definitely is not prejudiced in regard to any minority groups or race and his moral standards are exemplary.

Mr. BRYDGES stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is one of the greatest men he has ever known in public life and, in his opinion, is most qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States.

INTERVIEWS WITH
PROMINENT ATTORNEYS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

H. KENNETH SCHROEDER, JR., Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear, Attorneys at Law, Suite 1800, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York, a Republican who was former United States Attorney, Western District of New York, Buffalo, New York, advised he has had contact with nominee on several occasions at political functions, but that he does not know the nominee personally.

Mr. SCHROEDER stated that, to his knowledge, nominee is a man of the highest character, moral standards, reputation and integrity. He commented that nominee is a loyal citizen of the United States and a long-time dedicated public servant.

Mr. SCHROEDER stated that he has no knowledge of nominee ever having done anything illegal or unethical in business, politics or Government, and that he is aware of nothing which would indicate that nominee is prejudiced against any individual or group on the basis of race, color, creed or religion.

Mr. SCHROEDER recommended nominee for the Vice Presidency of the United States as a man with considerable civic and government experience.

The following investigation was conducted at Buffalo, New York by Special Agent CHARLES B. WAGNER on August 22, 1974:

FLORIAN CARL FLIERL, an attorney and Senior Vice President of the Western New York Savings Bank, Buffalo, New York, advised that he is a registered Democrat in the State of New York. He advised that he has had no personal contact or association with the nominee, nor has he ever met Mr. ROCKEFELLER. However, he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character to be admirable. He specifically mentioned the stand taken by the nominee regarding corruption disclosed in the State Liquor Authority several years ago and the manner in which the nominee handled the problem. FLIERL stated that the nominee effectively cleaned house and corrected the situation. He said nominee has a similar record in the manner in which the New York State Department of Audit and Control was supervised in the policing of municipal expenditures. The nominee subsequently formed an excellent State Banking Department to supervise the banking industry in New York State insofar as it can be supervised by the State. The Audit and Control Department and the Banking Department maintain a very high level of professionalism, specifically in their training for the functions that they are scheduled to perform. Mr. FLIERL categorized the nominee as a very efficient and excellent administrator. He said nominee effectively maintained the integrity of the banking system.

Insofar as the nominee's associates are concerned, Mr. FLIERL stated that he is an admirer of MALCOLM WILSON, the current Governor of the State of New York, who, to his knowledge, is a close associate of the nominee. The nominee also maintained a good balance in the Court of Appeals for the State of New York, and advised that all who know him have spoken highly of him and of those with whom he associates.

Mr. FLIERL stated that he has never heard any derogatory information regarding the nominee's reputation in business, political, or personal areas, from friends or opponents. There has never been any hint of scandal concerning nominee in his personal life or his administration.

FLIERL advised that, as a lawyer, he highly admired the nominee regarding his stand in the State Liquor Authority matter.

Mr. FLIERL stated there should be no question as to the nominee's loyalty to the United States and expressed the opinion that the nominee possesses an impeccable overall evaluation on all counts. Mr. FLIERL advised that as an active member of the State Bar Association, he has never heard even the slightest hint of any derogatory information regarding the nominee.

Mr. FLIERL said that the nominee clearly has never been involved in any practices, policies or organizational membership which would reflect any form of discrimination. The State associations which the nominee has previously supervised have been very thorough in their investigation of any possible or potential discriminatory practices, and Mr. FLIERL specifically mentioned the control over discrimination by lending institutions.

In regard to property control or ownership, Mr. FLIERL advised he knows of no family interests in this regard outside of the Chase Manhattan Bank, whose Chairman of the Board is the nominee's brother, DAVID; however, he is not aware of the distribution of stock in this agency and could not comment further in this regard. FLIERL has never heard any allegation of illegal or unethical acts or practices, nor scandals, either personal or professional.

Mr. FLIERL stated that the nominee has the special ability of being a very excellent administrator, having a very ready grasp of all the intricacies or nuances of any problem, and most important, the ability to solve problems in a practical way. Mr. FLIERL advised that there are two kinds of people, those who discuss problems, and those who do something about them. He categorized the nominee as being of the latter category.

Mr. FLIERL stated that in spite of the fact that he is a loyal Party Democrat, the nominee is the person he wished to see selected as the Vice President and is, therefore, very pleased with the nomination and FLIERL highly recommends nominee for that position.

Mr. FLIERL further commented in regard to the New York State tax system, that a great many people are unhappy with the New York State tax rate established under the nominee's administration as Governor of the State of New York, but advised that compared to other States, New York State has a tremendous amount to show, specifically their road systems. The nominee's far-sighted approach to such items as the State University of New York system and the construction of the Albany campus are exceptional. Considering inflation, this construction certainly occurred at the right time; however, nevertheless, this campus construction was a political controversy because of the large expenditure of money at that time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CHARLES B. WAGNER on August 22, 1974 at Buffalo, New York:

Mr. ALBERT R. MUGEL, Attorney of the firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann and Mugel, Attorneys at Law, 700 Liberty Bank Building, Buffalo, New York, advised that he is a Republican and he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER; however, is not personally acquainted with him. Mr. MUGEL advised that his two partners, Mr. EDWIN JAECKLE and Mr. MANLY FLEISCHMANN, are both personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. MUGEL advised that, to his knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER has no close relatives in the Buffalo area; however, [redacted] of the firm Webster, Sheffield, Fleischmann, Hitchcock and Brookfield, [redacted] of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's. Mr. MUGEL advised that, to his knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character is considered excellent and he is a forthright and direct person. He knows very little of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's associates, except for Mr. HITCHCOCK, Mr. JAECKLE and Mr. FLEISCHMANN, the latter two of whom are Mr. MUGEL's partners.

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Mr. MUGEL emphasized that he has had very minimal social and business association with the nominee and always under very formal circumstances. He stated further that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's reputation in the professional community with which he is familiar, has always been excellent and one of admiration; and he would not consider any question in regard to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States.

Mr. MUGEL said nominee has had no known organizational connections that would have an adverse effect on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's confirmation and stated that nominee's policies have always been strongly moral and anti-discriminatory in nature. He could not conceive of the nominee being involved in any group that would even consider a discriminatory policy. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's attitudes have been anti-discriminatory and pro-integration. He gave as an example the Fleischmann Report prepared by his partner, MANLY FLEISCHMANN, while FLEISCHMANN was an appointee of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's, which report came out strongly in favor of school integration. He has never heard any suggestion of

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any illegal or unethical activities in any regard concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. MUGEL pointed out two potential scandals which occurred during Mr. ROCKEFELLER's tenure as Governor of the State of New York, both of which were handled in admirable fashion by Mr. ROCKEFELLER. One potential scandal occurred when it was alleged that one Mr. MOORHOUSE, the State Chairman of the Republican Party, was allegedly involved in improprieties involving kickbacks which MUGEL believe resulted in the conviction of Mr. MOORHOUSE. The second potential scandal involved the New York State Liquor Authority, approximately ten years ago, when disclosure was made of kickbacks in this agency in the obtaining of liquor licenses in the State of New York. As a result, Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed a special committee to revise the State Liquor Authority and the liquor laws of the State of New York. MANLY FLEISCHMANN was a member of that committee.

Both of these problems within Mr. ROCKEFELLER's administration were vigorously pursued by the nominee when he was Governor and brought to a very satisfactory conclusion as a result of nominee's efforts.

Mr. MUGEL advised he could provide no derogatory information concerning the nominee and he would highly recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States, stating that he believes him to be the best qualified candidate for this position.

Mr. EDWIN F. JAECKLE, Attorney of the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann, and Mugel, Attorneys at Law, 700 Liberty Bank Building, Buffalo, New York, advised he is a Republican and has been personally acquainted with nominee through his association with the New York State Republican Party. Mr. JAECKLE said he has been so associated since the Dewey Campaign in 1942, and initially met the nominee in approximately 1955, when he first became interested in becoming Governor of the State of New York. Mr. JAECKLE has become very much a personal friend of the nominee and he advised that they have discussed matters of politics on numerous occasions. He has also visited at Mr. ROCKEFELLER's residence. He advised they met periodically, usually at official functions or dinners,

and he considers himself very well acquainted with the nominee, primarily in his position as a former Chairman of the Republican Party of New York State; however, he has had no official standing as such since the termination of those duties in 1948.

Mr. JAECKLE advised that he believes the nominee to be a man of very high principles, education and knowledge, and he is exceedingly honest. The nominee's reputation is one of very high regard and decency, and Mr. JAECKLE has never heard any derogatory information regarding him. Mr. JAECKLE stated he is of the personal opinion that President FORD could not have made a better choice for Vice President.

The nominee's associates are all primarily individuals such as the current Governor of New York State, MALCOLM WILSON, and all are of equal reputation and character. He knows of no derogatory information regarding any of them.

Mr. JAECKLE advised that in his own mind, there can be no question concerning the loyalty of the nominee to the United States, and he knows of no close relatives of the nominee in the Buffalo area.

Mr. JAECKLE stated that he has never had any indication of any illegal or unethical practices on the part of the nominee, and advised nominee's campaign chairman, BURDELL BIXBY, is an individual of very high moral and ethical character. The nominee is not known to have been a member of any group outside of his activities in the Republican Party and certainly he is not a member of any group which would practice any manner of discrimination.

Mr. JAECKLE advised that he has never heard of any scandals within Mr. ROCKEFELLER's administrations, or in his personal life. Mr. JAECKLE stated that the nominee possesses all the fine attributes of a chief executive, commenting that if nominee could run the complex government of New York State, he would be suited for the Presidency of the United States, and do a good job. The nominee is well skilled in politics and is considered an excellent administrator.

Mr. JAECKLE advised that his own personal opinion is that the nominee is not only qualified for Vice President, but for President as well, and he highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted at Buffalo, New York, by Special Agent CHARLES B. WAGNER on August 23, 1974:

HOMER H. WOODS, a Republican and an attorney with the firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear, Attorneys at Law, 1800 One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York, advised he is not personally acquainted with nominee, although WOODS was appointed to the Temporary Committee of Economic Development for the State of New York by the nominee when nominee was first elected Governor of the State of New York. He has met the nominee under very formal social circumstances while a member of the Governor's Club, which met once a year at the Governor's residence.

Mr. WOODS advised that characterwise, he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature regarding the nominee and not having been personally acquainted with him, could not speak further in this regard.

Mr. WOODS said that the nominee is considered an honest individual with an excellent reputation and choice of associates. Mr. WOODS advised that there can be no question in regard to the nominee's loyalty to the United States and that he has never heard of any illegal or unethical activity associated with the nominee, and knows of no information that would reflect adversely on his confirmation as Vice President of the United States.

Mr. WOODS stated that, to his knowledge, the nominee has never indulged in any discriminatory practices and has been a leader against discrimination.

Mr. WOODS has never heard of any scandals, personally or professionally, regarding the nominee or his family. His general impression is that the nominee is a very able individual, however, he hopes that the nominee's excessive government spending policies can be held in check.

Mr. WOODS stated he would recommend the nominee without reservation for the position of Vice President of the United States, further stating that nominee has a tremendous amount of energy in the political arena.

DONALD C. LUBICK, a Democrat, Attorney with the firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear, Attorneys at Law, 1800 One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York, advised that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee; however, he met him on one occasion at a meeting in the Office of the Governor of New York State during early 1970, in regard to tax legislation. Mr. LUBICK said that nominee is intelligent and, to his knowledge, enjoys an excellent reputation.

Mr. LUBICK advised he has received no information whatsoever regarding any indication of illegal or unethical activity on the part of the nominee. Mr. LUBICK was appointed to the committee on New York State Elections and the only concern LUBICK ever heard voiced was the wealth of the ROCKEFELLER family, which was available to nominee for political campaigns.

Mr. LUBICK advised that he is aware of no information to indicate that nominee has been discriminatory against any group and, to LUBICK's knowledge, there have been no scandals of either a professional or personal nature concerning nominee.

Mr. LUBICK stated that the nominee has a fantastic ability to grasp difficult problems and work out good solutions. He categorized the nominee as an outstanding political leader and said if it had been he who had to make the choice for a Vice Presidential candidate, he would have picked the nominee.

Mr. LUBICK advised he would recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States without reservation as being the best possible candidate for this position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. MANLY FLEISCHMANN, Attorney, Jaeckel, Fleischmann and Mugel, Attorneys, Liberty Bank Building, 424 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, advised he was first acquainted with the nominee approximately fifteen years ago, when he was appointed by the nominee to investigate the New York State Liquor Authority and again in 1969, when he was appointed to the New York State Commission to Study Education and to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN advised the nominee is a man of excellent character and associations. He has no reason to doubt his loyalty to the United States Government as he has always been devoted to his job and to his country.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN also advised that he could think of no person better qualified than the nominee to serve the United States as Vice President.

Mr. [redacted], Attorney, Western New York Savings Bank, 15 Court Street, Buffalo, New York, advised he has known the nominee for approximately twenty years and during this time he has come in contact with nominee four or five times on a social basis, through the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Artpark, a society of the Performing Arts of Buffalo. Mr. [redacted] advised he never worked for the nominee. He said he highly respects the nominee because of his excellent character and associations and considers him to be a loyal American citizen whose sympathies lie only to the United States Government. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] also advised the nominee has all the qualifications and abilities to serve the United States as Vice President or President, and is in hopes that his nomination will be confirmed. b6 b7C

Mr. JOHN E. DICKINSON, General Partner, Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear, Attorneys at Law, Suite 1800, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York, advised he has known the nominee for the past eight years when DICKINSON served as Vice Chairman of the Commitee for Health, Housing and Social Service in 1966. Mr. DICKINSON advised the nominee is a man of tremendous capacity and dedicated to public service. He is a man of unquestionable character and his associations are of the best quality.

Mr. DICKINSON advised he considers the nominee to be a loyal American citizen whose attitude and allegiance lie only to the United States Government.

Mr. DICKINSON also advised he knows of no other person more qualified than the nominee to serve this country as Vice President or even as President, if the situation arises.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON on August 22, 1974:

S. WILLIAM ROSENBERG, Attorney and Former New York State Senator, 808 Powers Building, Rochester, New York, advised as follows:

Mr. ROSENBERG was associated with the nominee during ROSENBERG's twelve years in the New York State Legislature, from 1960 to 1972. He regards the nominee as one of the finest persons he has ever met. His association with ROCKEFELLER has been social as well as professional in that he has visited, along with other members of the legislature, in nominee's home. He advised that ROCKEFELLER never offered to give favors to anyone for their support and to his knowledge, never had a conflict of interest in his political dealings. He met many times with him alone and has the highest regard for nominee. His reputation is beyond reproach and he is highly recommended by ROSENBERG for confirmation as Vice President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, J. EUGENE GODDARD, Attorney, former member of New York State Legislature and retired Judge of Monroe County Court of Claims, Rochester, New York, [redacted], East Rochester, New York, advised as follows: b6 b7C

As a former member of the New York State Legislature, GODDARD has had contact with the nominee since 1958. He was appointed by ROCKEFELLER as Court of Claims Judge in 1966 and served six years until his retirement. His main contact was through the legislature, and he remarked that although ROCKEFELLER tended to be a "liberal" while he was a "conservative," he always had the highest regard for the nominee. He stated that the nominee has an excellent reputation and is an extremely capable person. He stated that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President without hesitation.

On August 22, 1974, WILLIAM J. STEVENS, Attorney for the County of Monroe, 39 Main Street West, Rochester, New York, advised as follows:

STEVENS has had limited contact with the nominee mainly concerning legislation passed by the New York State Legislature. He was appointed to the Per Capita Commission by nominee. He remarked that he considers nominee to be beyond reproach in regard to character, associates, reputation and loyalty to the United States. Mr. STEVENS advised that he knows of no derogatory information regarding nominee and would recommend his confirmation as Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON:

On August 23, 1974, THOMAS LAVERNE, Attorney, 36 West Main Street, Rochester, New York, advised he has known nominee for about fourteen years. Mr. LAVERNE said he frequently talked with nominee during the twelve years LAVERNE served as a New York State Senator.

Mr. LAVERNE said nominee is of high integrity, excellent moral character, extremely loyal toward his country, and would be trustworthy and loyal to his President. He said nominee is a very persistent, informed person, who has a great capacity for getting the right information from the right people at the right time. He further advised he is very happy the nominee is being considered for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. CAIN:

On August 22, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, 1000 Crossroads Building, Rochester, New York, advised that he had one personal contact with the nominee approximately ten years ago, and that although he does not always agree with the nominee concerning his fiscal policies, he believes the nominee is a very competent person with outstanding ability in the political field. He stated that he does not know any derogatory information concerning the nominee and that he has no information to indicate that the nominee has been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, LEON H. STURMAN, Attorney, 44 Exchange Street, Rochester, New York, advised that nominee was a classmate of his at Dartmouth College from 1926 to 1930, and that he has seen him only at alumni gatherings and a few picnics since graduation. He said that in his opinion, the nominee has excellent character, associates, reputation and loyalty and he would highly recommend the nominee for a position of trust and confidence. Mr. STURMAN, a member of the Democratic Party, stated he believes that the nominee would put this country above politics and is above reproach in his integrity. He added that the nominee has never been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Lincoln First Towers, Rochester, New York, advised that he has only had personal contact with the nominee on two occasions, that he does not know any derogatory information concerning him and that he has no information to indicate that the nominee has been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns. He added that he has no reason to question the nominee's honesty or integrity. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES B. WAGNER on August 26, 1974, at Buffalo, New York:

Mr. [redacted], Attorney and Senior Partner in the firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear, Attorneys at Law, 1800 One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York, advised in regard to the nomination of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States, that he could not be more pleased. Mr. [redacted] advised that he has not been a political supporter of the nominee, inasmuch as he is a member of the Democratic Party; however, he knows of no information that could be considered detrimental or derogatory in nature in regard to the nominee. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has had some personal contact with the nominee dating back to September, 1969, during which time [redacted], as an attorney representing a private concern negotiating with the State of New York in regard to the Erie County Dome Stadium, was required to meet with the nominee in his position as Governor of the State of New York. He advised that in his opinion, the nominee has a strong grasp and keen understanding of all problems that confront him. In this particular respect, he advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER spent a great deal of time discussing the State's responsibility and the responsibilities of the private contractors in regard to the construction of the stadium.

[redacted] said that nominee appeared to be totally impartial and had a full understanding of the problems and was more than willing to provide his assessment of the situation.

Mr. [redacted] said that throughout his association with the nominee, which was on a very business-like basis, and through his evaluation of media information, he believes the nominee to have maintained his independence and high degree of integrity. He feels the nominee is a fine choice and would recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States without reservation. He stated he has been impressed personally with the nominee's obvious desire to do things which would be beneficial to the community. He stated he believes nominee has a great deal to offer the United States Government.

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Mr. [redacted] stated he is not personally aware of any scandals, either professional or personal, on the part of the nominee, nor any information which would reflect derogatorily on his confirmation as Vice President. He believes nominee's reputation in the professional community to be extremely high and one which is admired. He stated he has no information which would reflect adversely on his loyalty to the United States and believes that all of his associates would be of similar fine character and integrity. Further, Mr. [redacted] stated that he has never had any indication of any illegal or unethical activities on the part of the nominee and believes that he has made great strides in the field of anti-discriminatory practices. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] concluded by stating he is personally well-pleased by President FORD's choice of the nominee as Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

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INTERVIEWS WITH
BUSINESS LEADERS

The following interview was conducted during a previous background investigation of nominee in 1969:

On March 26, 1969, MARION B. FOLSOM, 106 Oak Lane, Rochester, New York, an executive of Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, advised that he had known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1941 when they first met in Washington, D. C. He advised he had frequent business contacts with ROCKEFELLER since that time. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER as to character, associates, reputation, habits, morals and abilities and added he had no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

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MARION B. FOLSOM, 106 Oak Lane, Brighton, New York, advised that he has retired from his position as Treasurer of Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York. Mr. FOLSOM said that he has known the nominee for thirty years, and that he has a high regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER's abilities and character. Mr. FOLSOM said he had direct professional contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER while he, Mr. FOLSOM, was employed with the Treasury Department and while he served as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Mr. FOLSOM subsequently served on two New York State committees while Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State.

According to Mr. FOLSOM, the nominee is a loyal citizen, is outstanding in every respect, and is an ideal choice for Vice President of the United States.

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On August 22, 1974, Mr. CHARLES R. DIEBOLD, SR., President and Chief Executive Officer, First Empire State Corporation, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14240, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for approximately 20 years when he first became interested in Government and State affairs. b6 b7C

Mr. DIEBOLD advised the nominee is an honest, reliable and trustworthy individual whose character is beyond reproach. He considers the nominee to be a loyal American whose attitude, allegiance and sympathies lie entirely with the United States Government.

Mr. DIEBOLD also advised the nominee is a kind, warm-hearted individual with excellent and loyal associates.

Mr. DIEBOLD further advised that he would not hesitate to recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States as he feels he is highly qualified through experience and there is no job too big for him to undertake.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974:

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Mr. SEYMOUR H. KNOX, Chairman Emeritus, Marine Midland Bank - Western, 3750 Marine Midland Center, Buffalo, New York, 14203, advised he has known the nominee for the past fourteen years. He first became acquainted with the nominee who was then Governor of New York State, when he appointed him to serve as Chairman of the New York State Council on Arts in 1960. A few years later, he was appointed by the nominee to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.

Mr. KNOX advised the nominee is a man of superior merit; honorable in principles, intentions and actions, and he has no reason to question his loyalty as his sympathies and allegiance lie only with the United States.

Mr. KNOX advised that as far as he knows, the nominee's associations are of the best quality and he has no knowledge of any membership or affiliations in groups, clubs or organizations the nominee may possess.

Mr. KNOX further advised there is no man better qualified than the nominee to serve the United States as Vice President or even President, and he would be more than happy to recommend him for such a position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Corning, New York: b6 b7C

AMORY HOUGHTON, JR., Chairman of the Board of Directors, Corning Glass Works, advised as follows:

He has been acquainted with the nominee since 1959 both in his capacity as Governor of the State of New York and as a social acquaintance. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding public administrator of great ability and a person eminently qualified for the high position for which he has been nominated.

From his long association with the nominee, he knows of his own personal knowledge that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has always maintained high standards of integrity in both his public and private lives and always has had the sincerest desire to serve his state and country with honor. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a wonderful choice for Vice President of the United States and personally recommends him for such position without reservation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, DAVID J. LAUB, Chairman of the Board, Marine Midland Bank-Western, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has known nominee for approximately 12 years in a political relationship and approximately 7 years in their association with the New York State Council on the Performing Arts. He attests to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character and stated that he is a trustworthy, honest and straightforward individual. He feels that nominee has exhibited qualities of responsibility, reliability and moral integrity. He stated he has no reason to question the loyalty or convictions of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and said he is totally loyal to the United States.

He could not recall any instance in which nominee indicated that he held any prejudices or ill-will toward any particular group of individuals. Mr. LAUB feels very confident that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will perform his duties as Vice President in a highly competent manner and he, therefore, recommended him strongly for a position of trust with the Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Niagara Falls, New York:

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WILLIAM G. GISEL, President, Bell Aerospace Company, Division of Textron Inc., Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, New York, advised he has known former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for approximately ten years. He has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER who has been dedicated to the people of New York State and the United States. GISEL stated Mr. ROCKEFELLER's moral standards are exemplary and he is not prejudiced against any race or minority group. His abilities as an outstanding statesman are well known.

Mr. GISEL advised that former Governor ROCKEFELLER had appointed him as Vice chairman of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA), an organization which was created by Mr. ROCKEFELLER for improving public transportation in Erie and Niagara Counties, located in Western New York.

Mr. GISEL said he was formerly a member of the Governors Club of the State of New York and through this organization associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and his family in New York City and at Mr. ROCKEFELLER's home.

Mr. GISEL advised that former Governor ROCKEFELLER, in his opinion, is an excellent choice for Vice President of the United States and he knows of nothing of an adverse nature concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Niagara Falls, New York: b6 b7C

WILLIAM H. WENDEL, President, Carborundum Company, Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York, advised he has known former New York Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for approximately 15 years, becoming acquainted with him while he was campaigning for his first term as Governor. WENDEL stated he has much admiration for Mr. ROCKEFELLER because he had much to begin with in life but yet has dedicated most of his life to society. WENDEL further stated he knows of no prejudices which Mr. ROCKEFELLER has concerning any race or minority group and advised he is a person of the highest moral standards. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER's ability as a statesman and administrator outstanding. Also, if the need arose, he feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER could step into the "President's shoes" with a great deal of integrity and self-confidence.

Mr. WENDEL stated Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA), Niagara Falls, New York, an organization which was created by Mr. ROCKEFELLER for improving public transportation in Erie and Niagara Counties, located in Western New York. Mr. ROCKEFELLER also appointed him to the Council of the State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. WENDEL has also associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER in a local organization, the Society for Promotion, Unification and Redevelopment (SPUR) of Niagara Falls, New York.

Mr. WENDEL stated he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER is highly qualified to be Vice President of the United States.

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INTERVIEWS WITH
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

GEORGE L. WESSEL, President, Buffalo American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Council, 1334 Prudential Building, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has been in this position for approximately six years. Prior to being elected as President of the council, he served as Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent for the Printing and Pressman Union, Local 27, for approximately eight years.

He advised that although he had never had any personal contact with former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, his office, on occasion, would ask for the Governor's support on New York State Legislative matters.

He stated that he has never heard anything derogatory concerning former Governor ROCKEFELLER's loyalty, honesty, integrity, or reputation and in his opinion, former Governor ROCKEFELLER's character is beyond reproach. He advised that he would very favorably recommend former Governor ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

Mr. MITCHEL FREDERICK MAZUCA, District Director of District 4, United Steel Workers of America, [redacted] comprising the State of New York, 668 Main Street, [redacted] Buffalo, New York, advised that he has been in his present position for approximately five years. Prior to becoming District Director, Mr. MAZUCA advised that he was a staff representative in the Central New York area for the United Steel Workers of America for approximately 23 years. He advised that although he has had no personal contact with former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, he had, on occasion, contact with the Governor's representatives through his membership on an Advisory Council for compensation which met approximately once each year. [redacted]

Mr. MAZUCA stated that, in his opinion, former Governor ROCKEFELLER has always been friendly toward labor. He stated that he would favorably recommend him [redacted] for the position of Vice President of the United States without any reservations as to his character, loyalty, honesty, integrity, or reputation.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Buffalo, New York on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

JAMES JOSEPH POWERS, Regional Director of the Civil Service Employee's Association, Incorporated, 4122 Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York, advised that he has been working in this capacity for approximately eight years. Prior to this, he held the position of field representative and presently has a total of 14 years as a staff member for this organization.

Mr. POWERS advised that in his capacity as a Regional Director, he has had no occasion to deal directly with former New York State Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, but that his Headquarters Office at 33 Elk Street, Albany, New York, is in continuous negotiations over contracts relative to State employee's benefits.

Mr. POWERS did indicate that he had the occasion of being introduced to former Governor ROCKEFELLER on one or two occasions in the past and was favorably impressed. Mr. POWERS advised that he has no reason to question the nominee's character, loyalty, reputation, honesty, or integrity. He stated that he would have no hesitation in recommending the nominee for Vice President of the United States.

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INTERVIEWS WITH RELIGIOUS MINORITY AND ETHNIC LEADERS

The following investigation was conducted by SA SYLVESTER B. SMITH on August 22, 1974:

Most Reverend BERNARD J. MC LAUGHLIN, Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, 35 Lincoln Parkway, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has no question concerning the integrity of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. He said the only question he has about ROCKEFELLER concerns his moral character since he took such a strong stand in favor of abortion in the State of New York while he was Governor of New York State. He said this strong stand on abortion is very disturbing to our present day society and he feels that we should have stronger moral direction than that provided by individuals favoring abortion. Additionally, he stated another thing which would reflect upon his moral character is the matter of his divorce from his first wife and his marriage to his present wife.

Bishop MC LAUGHLIN stated that he is not personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER and has never known him to associate with anyone of a questionable background and, to the best of his knowledge, he has maintained a good reputation in the State of New York.

Bishop MC LAUGHLIN stated that as a Governor of New York, he feels that NELSON ROCKEFELLER's fiscal policies were very poor, and that he could have directed monies in a more fruitful area instead of, for example, overbuilding of large edifices in the Albany area, which was a tremendous cost to the taxpayers of New York State.

Bishop MC LAUGHLIN states that he would have no question regarding the loyalty of NELSON ROCKEFELLER to the United States and he believes that he would uphold the Constitution of the United States in any position to which he would be nominated or appointed.

Bishop MC LAUGHLIN stated that he would recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER favorably for a high position with the United States Government with reservations on abortion and divorce since in the latter two areas, this country needs much stronger moral leadership than ROCKEFELLER has exhibited.

Canon RICHARD J. ANDERSON, Episcopal Diocese of Buffalo, advised that he has been in the Buffalo area for approximately five years. He related that during most of that time, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State.

He related that he has never had any question about the integrity of NELSON ROCKEFELLER and, to the best of his knowledge, he has no character traits which would be objectionable. He stated that he is aware of NELSON ROCKEFELLER's divorce, but he feels in the present day society, this appears to be a direction in which many individuals are going and he sees nothing wrong in this regard.

He related that he has never known ROCKEFELLER to associate with anyone of a questionable character and, to the best of his knowledge, he has maintained a good reputation. NELSON ROCKEFELLER has discharged his responsibilities in the highest political office of New York State always in the best interests and welfare of the state.

He stated he would have no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States and knows he would uphold the Constitution of the United States under all conditions.

He stated that as Governor of New York State, NELSON ROCKEFELLER was not a popular individual in the Buffalo area since this city is composed predominantly of individuals affiliated with the Democratic Party and the citizens here feel that ROCKEFELLER could have allocated more monies to the Buffalo area than he did. He stated that regarding his political career he knows of nothing detrimental which has surfaced during the few years that he has known him as Governor of New York State.

Canon ANDERSON stated that as Governor of New York State, he always appeared to be a strong national political figure.

Canon ANDERSON stated that it was the feeling of many citizens in the Western New York area that Governor ROCKEFELLER, during the Attica Prison uprising, did not personally appear on the scene at the prison to direct the activities during this uprising, but had delegated these responsibilities to the Department of Correction. Consequently, the citizens feel that he did not fully discharge his responsibilities as Governor during this uprising.

He stated that he would recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER favorably for a high office with the United States Government without reservation and he feels strongly that he would uphold the United States Constitution.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. CAIN on August 22, 1974:

Bishop JOSEPH HOGAN, Catholic Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, New York, advised that he has never had any personal contact with the nominee, that he does not know any derogatory information concerning him, and that he has no information to indicate that the nominee has been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns. He added that he has no further comment to make concerning the nominee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. CAIN on August 22, 1974:

ELMER LEWIS, Chairman, Jewish Community Federation, 440 East Main Street, Rochester, New York, advised that he has never had any personal contact with the nominee, that he does not know any derogatory information concerning him, and he has no information to indicate that the nominee has been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH J. CAIN on August 22, 1974:

Rabbi [redacted], Temple B'Rith Kodlesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York advised that he has never had any personal contact with the nominee, that he does not know any derogatory information concerning him, and he has no information to indicate that the nominee has been involved in any illegal or unethical political campaigns. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Reverend JOHN MONROE, Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, 264 East Utica Street, advised that he has been in personal contact with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on several occasions through the years, that he has worked for him as a political supporter, and that he regards him to be a close friend. Reverend MONROE pointed out that although he and ROCKEFELLER are members of the same political party, he is not greatly influenced by political affiliation. He said he supports candidates for election on the basis of their merit and qualifications.

Reverend MONROE stated ROCKEFELLER is a person of high ideals, of sterling character, and one whose integrity is beyond reproach. He stated that ROCKEFELLER has proven himself in Government as a highly capable administrator and that he has maintained a good history in directing programs favorable to minority groups. In this regard, Reverend MONROE stated that ROCKEFELLER is one who will serve all persons all of the time and that he has the highest personal regard and respect for ROCKEFELLER. He stated that it is his evaluation that the majority of the Negro population will enthusiastically support ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States.

Reverend MONROE advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to have maintained the finest of personal associates throughout the years and that he is without question a loyal citizen of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, RAPHAEL DUBARD, Equal Employment Specialist, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, One West Genesee Building and First Vice President, New York State National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), advised he has met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on several occasions at special conferences while ROCKEFELLER served as Governor in connection with problems concerned with minority groups. In addition, DUBARD advised that he has met ROCKEFELLER at several NAACP meetings at which time both of them served as meeting speakers. DUBARD advised that he is a political supporter of ROCKEFELLER and that they have the same political affiliation. DUBARD stated that ROCKEFELLER is a person of high ideals and one whose integrity is beyond reproach.

DUBARD stated he considers ROCKEFELLER to be highly capable as an administrator, that he is completely responsible in every respect, and that he is sufficiently aggressive in pursuing his high ideals. DUBARD advised that ROCKEFELLER represents a very high quality of life and that he will serve as he had done in the past, all people on an equal basis.

DUBARD stated that ROCKEFELLER maintained the finest of personal associates throughout his political years, and that he would recommend him highly for any position in Government. DUBARD stated he regards ROCKEFELLER to be without question, a loyal citizen of the United States.

DUBARD said it is his opinion that NELSON ROCKEFELLER will be supported by the majority of the Black population. He pointed out that very recently the President of the New York State Chapter of the NAACP had given his support to ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Rochester, New York, on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

RAYMOND SCOTT, President, FIGHT, Inc., 14 Lamberton Park, Rochester, New York, advised that the name of his organization stands for Freedom, Integration, God, Hope and Today, and that it is dedicated to the interests of the Black people of the United States. SCOTT stated that he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally, but did meet him during a town meeting at Rochester, New York, in 1972. SCOTT stated he believes ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American citizen, of good character with the ability to be Vice President of the United States.

SCOTT stated, however, he believes ROCKEFELLER made an error in judgement during the Attica Prison rebellion in September, 1971. SCOTT stated that he was a member of the Observers Committee during the rebellion and feels ROCKEFELLER was wrong in that he did not personally go to Attica and that this cost 42 lives. He said that in subsequent prison rebellions, state governors have personally gone to the prisons and he feels this has prevented the loss of lives. SCOTT said he realizes that everyone makes mistakes, but in the Attica matter, he is disturbed by the fact that ROCKEFELLER did not admit his mistake.

SCOTT further stated that he feels ROCKEFELLER made errors in the manner in which he handled the indictments resulting from the Attica Prison rebellion. He said while the State of New York spent $3 million on the indictments, ROCKEFELLER would not provide any State funds for the defense of the indicted inmates. SCOTT also said that following the indictments, the indicted inmates were placed in solitary confinement, where they have remained despite appeals to the Governor.

SCOTT advised that he feels ROCKEFELLER made the aforementioned errors because he is politically motivated and for this reason, he would be uncomfortable with ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States.

JAMES MC CULLER, Executive Director, Action For A Better Community, 244 South Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, New York, advised that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER, but does not know him personally. He said he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a warm individual and, although he knows of nothing about ROCKEFELLER's character which should preclude him from becoming Vice President of the United States, he feels ROCKEFELLER made a judgment error in not going to Attica Prison during the rebellion there in 1971.

MC CULLER further advised that because of ROCKEFELLER's wealth, he does not feel he can empathize with the average American. He said he believes ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American citizen, and any misgivings he has about ROCKEFELLER would be based on nominee's judgement rather than his character.

The following investigation was conducted by SA SYLVESTER B. SMITH on August 22, 1974:

CASIMIR LOTARSKI, Chairman and National Official of the Polish National Alliance which covers 36 states and has approximately 400,000 Polish members, [redacted] Buffalo, New York 14215, advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is of excellent character and he considers his character to be beyond reproach. He related that he would have no reason to question his integrity concerning any of his political endeavors in the past. b6 b7C

He related that NELSON ROCKEFELLER had been responsible for the passage of high tax bills in the State of New York, however, he feels these monies were utilized for improvements and to enhance the image of New York State.

He considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be a great American and he has always maintained an excellent reputation. LOTARSKI advised that he is of the same political affiliation as is ROCKEFELLER but he has never been given any position or anything else by ROCKEFELLER; therefore, he owes no obligation to him, but he sincerely feels that he has been a great administrator in the State of New York.

He related that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER on many campaign tours through Buffalo and this has been mainly in the political arena. He has always been impressed by Governor ROCKEFELLER's conduct.

He stated that he has never known him to associate with anyone of a questionable character and it appears to him that ROCKEFELLER has always appointed political associates who have always complimented his political operations.

LOTARSKI advised that he has never known NELSON ROCKEFELLER to discriminate against any ethnic group. He has been in the past invited to many of the Polish activities and at no time did he exhibit any type of discrimination against any ethnic group, to the best of his knowledge.

He stated that NELSON ROCKEFELLER, to the best of his knowledge, and from what he has exhibited as the Governor of New York State, would be capable of handling any high office in the United States and he recommends him for any such position without reservation.

STANLEY BOLAS, Commissioner of Central Police Services, Eric County, New York, Rath Building, who is of the same political affiliation as is Governor ROCKEFELLER, and who is a member of Polish Fraternal Organizations, advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER has always been of good character, has maintained an excellent reputation and he personally is not acquainted with any of his associates but has never known him to associate with anyone of questionable character.

He stated that there are over 250,000 Polish people in the Buffalo area and he has never known NELSON ROCKEFELLER to discriminate in any way against the Polish community or any other ethnic organization.

He stated that NELSON ROCKEFELLER, during his political career as Governor of New York State, has demonstrated that he is a loyal American and he feels he would uphold the Constitution of the United States under any circumstances.

He stated that he would recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for any high office in the United States without any reservation.

KAROL TOMASZEWSKI, an active leader in the Polish Veterans Organization in Buffalo, New York, and a member of the Democratic Party, [redacted], Buffalo, New York, advised that there are approximately 300,000 Polish people in the Buffalo area. He stated that NELSON ROCKEFELLER appears to him to be of good character. He stated that ROCKEFELLER was divorced and that this is his own personal affair and he could see nothing wrong in this action. To the best of his knowledge, TOMASZEWSKI stated that he has never heard of anything detrimental to NELSON ROCKEFELLER's reputation. b6 b7C

Additionally, he has never known him to associate with anyone of questionable character.

He stated that NELSON ROCKEFELLER, to the best of his knowledge, has never discriminated against any ethnic organization and, as Governor, he had been invited to attend some of the Polish functions and had accepted the invitations. He recalled one such occasion when ROCKEFELLER was an honorary guest during the Pulaski Parade and ROCKEFELLER had made it a point to stop and congratulate Mr. TOMASZEWSKI on having such a fine Polish Veterans Unit in the parade.

TOMASZEWSKI stated that as Governor of New York State, he feels that ROCKEFELLER administered well.

He stated that he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American and that, from his long political career as Governor of New York State, he appears to be a dedicated and loyal American and he feels that he would uphold the Constitution under any conditions. He said he would recommend him favorably for any high office in the United States Government without reservation.

It should be noted that Mr. TOMASZEWSKI was contacted on August 23, 1974.

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RECORDS REGARDING TAX LIENS AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Buffalo, New York: b6 b7C

A review of the Grante's Index Land Deeds for Erie County, New York, at the Erie County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, New York, from 1930 to present revealed no property record for NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. A review of tax liens for Erie County was also negative for ROCKEFELLER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. PEARSON, III, at Rochester, New York, on August 22, 1974:

[redacted] Monroe County Clerk of Courts Office, advised after searching records maintained at her office, that there are no judgements or tax liens on file against NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

[redacted] of the same office, after searching records under her control, advised that nominee owns no property in Monroe County. b6 b7C

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	CHARACTER OF CASE: SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Dallas dated 8/22/74.

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Bureau letter to Dallas dated 10/2/63, captioned "THE ROCKEFELLER-UNITED NUCLEAR CASE; [redacted] - [redacted]; INFORMATION CONCERNING; RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)", Bufile [redacted] Dallas File [redacted], in the

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first paragraph of Page 1 states, "You have previously advised that [redacted] has been described by one business- b6
man as suffering from a mental disorder, and that LEWIS b7C
STRAUSS, former head of the Atomic Energy Commission against whom [redacted] has made many allegations, has ventured his opinion that [redacted] is emotionally unstable."

The review of Dallas files concerning [redacted] b6
fails to reflect an interview with LEWIS STRAUSS wherein b7C
he commented as indicated above. For this reason, no mention of such statement is included in the details of this report. The Bureau may desire to recheck its files to determine the original source of such information from STRAUSS and if warranted, include same in this report before it is disseminated.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of:	ROBERT P. GEMBERLING	Office:	Dallas, Texas
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Synopsis: [redacted], Attorney, Dallas, Texas, appeared at the Dallas, FBI Office and stated that if ROCKEFELLER is nominated Vice President, he would personally protest and if need be "shake the rafters" in Washington, D. C. [redacted] has made various types of complaints to the FBI since 1940, and has submitted numerous nebulous letters of complaints to various government officials and government agencies. During the course of an anti-trust investigation conducted by the FBI in 1958, based on a complaint by [redacted], a businessman described him as a prolific letter writer. b6 b7C

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DETAILS: AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 9, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Dallas, Texas, appeared at the Dallas FBI Office and was interviewed by SA [redacted]. [redacted] stated the FBI should immediately inform President FORD that if NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER is nominated Vice President of the United States, the country would again be in a situation similar to Watergate. He stated to prevent this President FORD should not nominate ROCKEFELLER, as he and the rest of the ROCKEFELLER family have been involved in a huge fraud. [redacted] continued that if ROCKEFELLER is appointed Vice President of the United States, he would personally protest the appointment and if need be "shake the rafters" in Washington, D. C. b6 b7C

[redacted] made available a copy of a 7-page letter addressed to Honorable EDWARD BROOKE, United States Senate, dated June 4, 1974, and a copy of a 27-page letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D. C., Attention: Mr. ROY GARRETT,,JR., Chairman, from [redacted]. Both of these letters related to the merger of the United Nuclear Corporation with Sabre-Pinon Corporation. in 1961, and took the view that the Securities and Exchange Commission is acting to protect the ROCKEFELLER Foundation. He indicated he has furnished correspondence to various Government officials and that EARL GOLZ, investigative reporter of "The Dallas Morning News," receives copies of his correspondence and plans to expose the entire issue in his newspaper in the near future. b6 b7C

On August 12, 1974, [redacted] again appeared at the Dallas FBI Office and made available a copy of a letter addressed to The Honorable William Scranton, The White House, dated August 12, 1974. In this letter [redacted] again indicated his displeasure with the ROCKEFELLER empire. b6 b7C

There follows a copy of the letter to the Honorable WILLIAM SCRANTON, The White House, Washington, D. C.

[redacted]

ATTORNEY AT LAW
TOWER PETROLEUM BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

August 12, 1974

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Honorable William Scranton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Governor Scranton:

If Nelson Rockefeller be nominated for the vice-presidency, there will be unshirted hell in the Congressional hearings concerning his qualifications - and rightly so.

The Rockefeller Empire is divided between (1) those who travel the high road, and (2) those who travel the low road.

Those who travel the high road purport to know nothing about those who do the dirty work - even after the attention of the "high roaders" is invited to such a tremendous fraud and swindle as the Sabre-Pinon, United Nuclear merger, wherein my family was defrauded out of millions of dollars. For instantaneous corroboration, examine the Preliminary Prospectus of the United Nuclear Corporation filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 28, 1961. The Rockefeller Empire was instrumental in converting this liability into control of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation, which owned some of the greatest uranium deposits in the United States. Confirm this with Mr. [redacted], F.B.I., Dallas. In addition, I shall testify to the facts should Rockefeller be nominated.

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You, of course, are under an affirmative and immediate duty to advise the President. Please do this at once, in order to avoid any unnecessary embarrassment to his administration.

Also, please see the enclosed letter of August 2, 1974, to the Securities and Exchange Commission which reports a small segment of this fraud, which transcends Watergate, Equity Funding and the Home-Stake oil swindle.

THIS COUNTRY HAD ENOUGH OF THE "CLOSED-EYE TECHNIQUE" UNDER NIXON.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

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Enclosure

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cc: Mr. Earl Golz, Investigative Reporter
The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. [redacted], F.B.I., Dallas, Texas. ✓

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[redacted] has been contacting the Dallas FBI Office since 1940, with various types of complaints. He has also written numerous nebulous letters of complaint to various government officials and government agencies. In 1958-1959, the FBI conducted an anti-trust investigation on the basis of a complaint by [redacted] concerning the merger of other corporations with the Sabre-Pinon Corporation of which [redacted] was then a stockholder. The results of that investigation were furnished to the Anti-trust Division of the Department of Justice, and no additional investigation was requested. b6 b7C

In 1963, [redacted] personally delivered to the Dallas FBI Office a copy of a 50-page letteredated March 2, 1963, from [redacted] to Mr. LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, captioned "Request for the Truth" which had a cover page captioned "Questions for Mr. LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER to Answer Concerning the United Nuclear-Sabre Merger." He also made available a copy of a 7-page memorandum having a cover page captioned "The ROCKEFELLER-United Nuclear Case" dated September 18, 1963. b6 b7C

The aforementioned letter and memorandum were vague in nature and contained [redacted]'s objections as well as questions regarding the merger of United Nuclear Corporation with Sabre-Pinon Corporation in 1961. [redacted] claimed the merger decreased the value of Sabre-Pinon stock. Copies of the aforementioned letter and memorandum were reported to have been forwarded to various high governmental officials. b6 b7C

During the course of the aforementioned 1958 anti-trust investigation a businessman described [redacted] as a prolific letter writer who has caused a great deal of embarrassment to the Sabre-Pinon Corporation. b6 b7C

"Therefore, this office will appreciate it a great deal if you will call this information to the personal attention of Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER."

On July 21, 1958, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice requested [redacted] and his brother, [redacted], be interviewed concerning the various charges they had made regarding Sabre-Pinon Corporation, Westwater Corporation, Quinta Corporation and Black Jack Corporation. b6 b7C

On August 6 and 7, 1958, [redacted], who was a stockholder and director of Sabre-Pinon Corporation, was interviewed. He alleged proposed mergers of Quinta Corporation and Black Jack Corporation with Sabre-Pinon violated antitrust laws in that mergers tend to create monopoly and lessen competition in the uranium industry. [redacted] stated he could furnish no other information than that furnished by [redacted]. b6 b7C

The interview of [redacted] on August 6 and 7, 1958, was extremely difficult in that [redacted] was so upset with the manner in which Sabre-Pinon Corporation was operated and reportedly dominated by R. D. BOKUM, II that he would go into tirades denouncing BOKUM. He wanted BOKUM, as well as others, under his control, removed from the corporation, and was of the opinion BOKUM was using his various offices for his own gain rather than that of the stockholders. b6 b7C

Also during the interview of [redacted], he mentioned he had received a telephone call from [redacted], a director of Sabre-Pinon Corporation, from New York during which conversation [redacted] stated in substance, "It is going to be either you or me", b6 b7C

meaning [redacted] or [redacted]. [redacted] stated [redacted] b6 b7C was not believed to have actually stated he would kill [redacted], but [redacted] stated he knew that is what [redacted] meant. This occurred during disagreements regarding the operation of Sabre-Pinon Corporation.

It should be noted that [redacted] b6 b7C is apparently identical to [redacted] who allegedly threatened to kill [redacted] as previoulsy set forth in this report.

At the time of interview of [redacted] b6 b7C on August 6 and 7, 1958, he stated at the time the above alleged threat was received, he would not under any circumstances have taken any action because his mother was there, is subject to heart attacks, and any publicity would probably have been fatal to her.

Following the interview of [redacted] b6 b7C in the above-mentioned antitrust matter, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice on October 10, 1958, requested specific investigation concerning his complaints. The Antitrust Division pointed out that in 1956, [redacted] made a series of complaints to the Department of Justice as well as to numerous other officials of the Federal Government, including the White House, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and several congressional committees. The import of his somewhat nebulous complaint at that time had to do with the activities of the AEC and certain of its officials, including its former Chairman, Admiral LEWIS L. STRAUSS, which [redacted] charged were tending to bring about a monopoly in the field of atomic energy. [redacted] complained that the AEC

had required that Sabre-Pinon Corporation, a company in which [redacted] held a minority stock interest, merge with American Metal Company, a company in which Admiral STRAUSS had a financial interest, in order to secure a production contract with the AEC in the uranium field. Mr. [redacted] also charged that American Metal Company was part of an international cartel in the uranium field and further through its contracting policy, the AEC was assisting American Metal in fostering a monopoly in the field of atomic energy. b6 b7C

The Antitrust Division requested representatives of the Department of Justice contact officials of AEC in order to secure information which would tend to shed some light on the antitrust charges of [redacted]. The information secured from the AEC as to the importance of American Metal and Sabre-Pinon in the atomic energy field did not appear to bear out the broadcharges of monopoly made by [redacted]. b6 b7C

The Antitrust Division advised the proposed merger transaction contemplated by American Metal and Sabre-Pinon fell through during the latter part of 1956 and there were indications that another somewhat similar proposal between Sabre-Pinonand Homestate Mining was substituted in place of previous arrangements. The Antitrust Division advised at this point the communications from [redacted] ceased, at least insofar as those which were forwarded to the Antitrust Division. b6 b7C

In 1958 the Antitrust Division pointed out that during the previous several months, a new series of complaints had been received from [redacted] and these complaints had been supplemented by others from his brother, [redacted]. Such complaints appeared to b6 b7C

involve a proposed merger between Sabre-Pinon and three other companies, an entirely different matter than that complained of earlier.

On October 29, 1958, [redacted], an officer and director of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation, Bokum Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, when interviewed in connection with the forgoing mentioned antitrust investigation, voluntarily advised that [redacted] is a stockholder in the Sabre-Pinon Corporation and he has been a constant source of trouble to the officers and directors of the corporation because of his constant complaints as to the way the business affairs of the corporation are being handled. He advised [redacted]'s complaints were numerous and that he, in fact, complained about almost everything the officers and directors attempted to do. He advised most of the complaints were concerning the exploration and development of uranium properties and insisted the corporation do exploration and development work. He stated this was an impossibility because of lack of funds. Mr. [redacted] stated he is a mining engineer and many of the things [redacted] wanted the corporation to do were not practical from a mining standpoint. Mr. [redacted] expressed the opinion that [redacted] complained mainly because he wanted to run the corporation himself and the other officials and directors would not permit him to do so.

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On October 31, 1958, RICHARD D. BOKUM, II, Bokum Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, when interviewed in connection with the forgoing antitrust investigation, voluntarily advised that [redacted] is a stockholder in the Sabre-Pinon Corporation and he has been a constant source of trouble to officers and directors of the corporation ever since he acquired his stock.

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Mr. BOKUM stated that [redacted] had done some legal work for the corporation and requested payment of his fees in stock and this was done. Immediately after acquiring the stock, [redacted] complained about the way the corporation was being operated, and in an effort to stop these complaints and keep [redacted] happy, he (BOKUM) told him he would attempt to have him elected a director of the corporation. BOKUM stated at the time he told [redacted] that the only thing he asked was that [redacted] work with the other directors for the best interest of the corporation. He stated thereafter [redacted] constantly complained of the way the business affairs of the corporation were handled and because of the complaints, [redacted] was removed as a director. b6 b7C

Mr. BOKUM stated [redacted]'s principal complaint appeared to be that he expected the corporation to do all the exploration and development work on its uranium property and this was an impossibility because the corporation did not have sufficient funds for this work. b6 b7C

Mr. BOKUM stated he is certain [redacted]'s complaint was only because [redacted] wanted to "run the corporation himself" and was not allowed to do so. b6 b7C

On November 3, 1958, J. E. BROSSEAU, President of the Westwater Corporation, Bokum Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, when interviewed in connection with the foregoing mentioned antitrust investigation, voluntarily advised that he was aware that [redacted] had been a source of trouble to the officers and directors of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation. He advised he knows [redacted] has continually complained about the way the business of the corporation was handled; however, he did not know the reasons for the complaints or the exact nature of the complaints. He stated that due to his close association b6 b7C

with RICHARD D. BOKUM, II, President of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation, he knows that BOKUM has spent much time and effort in obtaining necessary financing for Sabre-Pinon Corporation, and [redacted] has appeared to oppose everything BOKUM has attempted to do. b6 b7C

On November 14, 17, and 18, 1958, [redacted], Partner, Kuhn, Loeb and Company, 30 Wall Street, New York City, when interviewed in connection with the foregoing mentioned antitrust investigation, voluntarily advised that [redacted] had, since approximately 1956, caused a great deal of trouble for the Sabre-Pinon Corporation in negotiations to get a company to develop, mine, construct, and operate a uranium processing mill. He stated that at one time the American Metal Company had been interested, but before final negotiations were completed in 1956, [redacted] had "scared them off" through legal action. b6 b7C

PATTON advised that [redacted] is a prolific letter writer and with this and the fact that he is inclined to misinterpret information obtained orally and in writing has caused a great deal of embarrassment, delay and expense to the Sabre-Pinon Corporation. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was elected to the Board of Directors of the Sabre-Pinon Corporation and agreed to cease his letter writing to various people, organizations, and Government agencies, but shortly thereafter his brother, [redacted] started writing letters to similar people, organizations, and Government agencies. b6 b7C

[redacted] mentioned that [redacted]'s letter to him dated July 22, 1956, indicated that he [redacted] was plotting to murder [redacted]. [redacted] b6 b7C

stated that this was "untrue, unfounded, and ridiculous."

On December 9, 1958, [redacted] directed a letter to Mr. VICTOR R. HANSEN, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. enclosing a photostat copy of a letter written by Mr. [redacted], referred to by [redacted] as "one of the most illustrious citizens of the State of Texas." In this letter [redacted] stated, "If you doubt Mr. [redacted]'s status in this state, kindly telephone Senator LYNDON JOHNSON and ascertain the facts." [redacted] concluded his letter by stating, "It is appalling to note the lengths to which the Justice Department has gone to protect Wall Street interests and a party close to the present administration." b6 b7C

The Antitrust Division, after receipt of the foregoing letter from [redacted], requested [redacted] be interviewed in the above referred to antitrust investigation. b6 b7C

On January 15, 1959, [redacted], Attorney, 3400 Republic Bank Building, Director of several firms and a Sabre-Pinon stockholder, advised he had no knowledge of the extent Sabre-Pinon and Black Jack Corporation engaged in interstate commerce or competed with each other. He stated on this occasion he had known [redacted] for 20 years and regarded him as a man of integrity and ability. He stated [redacted] is a Phi Beta Kappa member and lead his law school class in scholastics, graduating with honors. b6 b7C

On February 28, 1962, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Dallas FBI Office requesting an agent contact him personally. He refused to relate any information over the telephone. b6 b7C

On March 1, 1962, [redacted] was contacted at which time he stated he prematurely requested an Agent contact him when the matter actually concerned the SEC. [redacted] stated he contacted a Mr. ASTON of the SEC and that agency plans to confer with United States Attorney BAREFOOT SANDERS in the near future. b6 b7C

On October 12, 1962, a copy of a letter bearing letterhead of [redacted] dated October 11, 1962, addressed to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, was received by the Dallas FBI Office. This letter stated, "Parties in this office would like for you to advise, in writing, if RI1-3376 and RI1-3377 are being tapped." This copy of the letter bore signature [redacted]" b6 b7C

On October 24, 1962, a copy of another letter bearing same letterhead and dated October 22, 1962, addressed to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, was received by the Dallas FBI Office. This letter stated, "I call your attention to my letter of October 11, 1962, which reads as follows: "'Parties in this office would like for you to advise, in writing, if RI1-3376 and RI1-3377 are being tapped.'"

"'Kindly advise in writing.'"

This copy of this letter did not bear a signature.

On September 18, 1963, [redacted] advised the Dallas FBI Office he had information of great importance which he desired to transmit through the FBI to the appropriate Federal agency. He stated the matter involved mail fraud as well as violations of law under the jurisdiction of the SEC and the Treasury b6 b7C

Department. When [redacted] was advised that such matters were not within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI and it was suggested that such information be forwarded by him directly to the agency concerned, he demanded he be afforded the right of a citizen to furnish such information to the FBI for referral to the appropriate agency. He stated he would deliver the material to the Dallas FBI Office on September 20 or 23, 1963. b6 b7C

On September 23, 1963, [redacted] personally delivered to the Dallas FBI Office a copy of a 50-page letter dated March 2, 1963, from [redacted] to Mr. LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, captioned "Request for the Truth" which bore a cover page captioned "Questions for Mr. LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER to Answer Concerning the United Nuclear-Sabre Merger", as well as a copy of a seven-page memorandum bearing a cover page captioned "The Rockefeller-United Nuclear Case" dated September 18, 1963. The first page began with"I. JURISDICTION". b6 b7C

Copies of the 50-page letter were to be disseminated to the following:

Honorable JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States;
Honorable LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Vice-President of the United States;
Honorable ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General of the United States;
Mr. JOHN A. GRONOUSKI, Postmaster General of the United States;
Mr. HAROLD V. LESE, Chief Counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission;

Commissioner BYRON D. WOODSIDE, Securities and Exchange Commission;
Commissioner WILLIAM L. CARY, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC);
Commissioner J. ALAN FREAR, JR., SEC;
COMMISSIONER MANUEL F. COHEN, SEC;
Commissioner JACK M. WHITNEY, II, SEC.

Copies of the seven-page memorandum described previously were to be disseminated to the following:

The President of the United States;
Vice-President of the United States;
Attorney General of the United States;
Postmaster General of the United States;
Chief Counsel, Division of Corporation Finance, SEC;
SEC .

A review of the above-described 50-page letter and seven-page memorandum indicated they were vague in nature and contained [redacted] s objections as well as questions regarding the merger of United Nuclear Corporation with Sabre-Pinon Corporation in 1961. [redacted] claimed the merger decreased the value of Sabre-Pinon stock. b6 b7C

[redacted] directed a letter to the Dallas FBI office dated September 27, 1963, referring to "The Rockefeller-United Nuclear Case" with copies of such letter disseminated to the following: b6 b7C

The President of the United States;
The Vice-President of the United States;
The Attorney General of the United States;
FBI, Washington, D. C..

[redacted] directed another letter to the Dallas FBI Office dated October 8, 1963, referring to "The Rockefeller-United Nuclear Case" with copies of such letter designated for the FBI at Washington, D.C. b6 b7C

On October 11, 1963, the 50-page letter and 7-page memorandum furnished by [redacted] on September 23, 1963, were returned to him by the Dallas Office of the FBI by registered mail, return receipt requested pointing out to him that the FBI does not, as a matter of policy, forward mail. b6 b7C

On October 24, 1963, [redacted], brother of [redacted], directed a letter to the Dallas FBI Office referring to "The Rockefeller-United Nuclear Investigation" which letter enclosed a copy of an item from the Wall Street Journal on September 23, 1957, captioned "Sabre-Pinon Expects Profit in Latter Half of 1958." A copy of this letter was designated for the FBI, Washington, D.C. b6 b7C

On October 25, 1963, [redacted] directed a letter to Mr. H. B. MONTAGUE, Chief Postal Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D.C. referring to "The Rockefeller-United Nuclear Case" with copies of such letter designated for the following: b6 b7C

The President of the United States;
Vice-President of the United States;
Attorney General of the United States;
Honorable JOE POOL, MC.;
Securities and Exchange Commission;
FBI.

On November 11, 1963, [redacted] directed a letter to Mr. [redacted], Complaint Specialist, SEC, Washington, D. C., referring to "The Rockefeller-United Nuclear Investigation Request" with copies of such letter designated for the following: b6 b7C

Senator JOHN TOWER, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.;
Senator WAYNE MORSE, U. S. Senate, Washington 25, D. C.;
Senator JOHN WILLIAMS, U. S. Senate, Washington 25, D. C.;
Honorable WRIGHT PATMAN, House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.;
Mr. KENNETH O'DONNELL, Secretary to President KENNEDY, the White House, Washington 25, D. C.;
Mr. PIERRE SALLINGER, Press Secretary to President KENNEDY, the White House, Washington 25, D. C.;
Mrs. EVELYN N. LINCOLN, Personal Secretary to President KENNEDY, the White House, Washington 25, D. C.

On November 12, 1963, [redacted] directed another letter to Mr. [redacted], supra, referring to "The Rockefeller-United Nuclear Investigation Request." This letter commences in the next to last paragraph with the following paragraph: b6 b7C

"IS A GROSSLY INADEQUATE CONSIDERATION INDICATIVE OF THE POSSIBILITY OR THE PROBABILITY OF THE CONCEALMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS WARRANTING AND REQUIRING AN INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMISSION TO ASCERTAIN WHY THE ABNORMAL AND GROSSLY INADEQUATE CONSIDERATIN EXISTS? IN YOUR REPLY YOU WILL KINDLY ANSWER THIS QUESTION CLEARLY AND FULLY, FREE OF ANY EVASION, EQUIVOCATION, OR AMBIGUITY."

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On August 13, 1974, [redacted] directed a handwritten letter to SA [redacted] of the Dallas FBI Office dated August 12, 1974, which is quoted as follows: b6 b7C

"Your investigation should reflect and answer the questions, why did the ROCKEFELLER merger, after being contemptuous of R. M. NIXON, become his ardent supporter - a question raised by an article in the 'New York Times'".

"Was the support tied into the dismissal of this cataclysmic tax claim? If not, what fact caused this 180 degree change in attitude? [redacted]'. b6 b7C

Enclosed with the above handwritten letter was a copy of a letter dated July 9, 1973, from [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] to Mr. [redacted], Regional Inspector, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 1315 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, concerning "The ROCKEFELLER EMPIRE Scandal; Dismissal of Cataclysmic Tax Liability; Audit Division - Baltimore, Maryland; DIR-BAL-1584....210:11:EEW." Copies of this letter were designated for the following:

Honorable SPIRO AGNEW, Vice-President of the United States and the following U. S. Senators:

Honorable JOHN TOWER
Honorable LLOYD BENTSEN
Honorable SAM ERVIN
Honorable LOWELL WIECKER, JR.
Honorable PHILIP HART
Honorable HAROLD HUGHES
Honorable GAYLORD NELSON
Honorable CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, JR.

Honorable HOWARD BAKER, JR.
Honorable HERMAN TALMADGE
Honorable DANIEL K. INOWYE
Honorable ALAN CRANSTON
Honorable J. W. FULBRIGHT
Honorable HUGH SCOTT
Honorable HENRY JACKSON
Honorable WILLIAM PROXMIRE
Honorable BIRCH BAYH

The last line on Page 2 of this letter indicates copies were also sent to certain congressmen, but the page containing the listing of such congressmen was not furnished by [redacted]. b6 b7C

Also enclosed with the above letter to SA [redacted] was a copy of a letter dated September 24, 1973, from [redacted] to Mr. EMANUEL M. SCHUSTER, supra, concerning "The ROCKEFELLER EMPIRE Scandal - Dismissal and Cover Up of Cataclysmic Tax Liability - Audit Division - Baltimore, Maryland; DIR-BAL-1584-210:11:EEW, Question: (1) Why Does the Internal Revenue Service Not Answer? (2) Why Does the Internal Revenue Service Cooperate With the NIXON Administration in Covering Up This Gigantic Scandal?" b6 b7C

There was no indication that copies of this letter were designated elsewhere.

Also enclosed with the above set forth letter to SA [redacted] was a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1973, from [redacted] to Mr. [redacted], supra, concerning "The ROCKEFELLER EMPIRE Scandal - Dismissal and Cover Up of Cataclysmic Tax Liability - Audit Division - Baltimore, Maryland, DIR-BAL-1584-210:11:EEW." b6 b7C

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This letter enclosed a certificate for [redacted]'s signature reflecting, among other things, that he [redacted] had personally thoroughly read the file concerning "The ROCKEFELLER EMPIRE Tax Liability" and that "The Internal Revenue Service, after years of diligent, thorough and intensive work on this matter was well warranted, in all respects, in dismissing this hundred million dollar tax liability." b6 b7C

Copies of this letter were designated for the following:

Honorable SPIRO AGNEW, Vice-President of the United States and the following U. S. Senators:

Honorable JOHN TOWER
Honorable LLOYD BENTSEN
Honorable SAM ERVIN

On August 13, 1974, [redacted] made available through the U. S. Mails to SA [redacted] of the Dallas Office of the FBI one copy each of letters directed to the following individuals, all dated August 12, 1974: b6 b7C

Honorable WILLIAM SCRANTON, White House, Washington, D. C.
Honorable ROGERS C. B. MORTON, the White House, Washington, D. C.
Honorable JOHN O. MARSH, JR., the White House, Washington, D. C.
Honorable DONALD RUMSFELD, the White House, Washington, D. C.
Honorable BILL STEIGER, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
Honorable EDWARD DERWINSKI, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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Honorable TOM RAILSBACK, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.
Honorable JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.
Honorable JERRY PETTIS, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.
Honorable L. WILLIAM SEIDMAN, Room 268, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C.
Honorable JESSE HELMS, U. S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Each of these letters reflects copies being sent to the following:

Mr. EARL GOLZ, Investigative Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas;
Mr. [redacted], FBI, Dallas, Texas. b6 b7C

There follows a copy of the letter to the Honorable WILLIAM SCRANTON, the White House, Washington, D.C., it being pointed out that each of the letters sent to the above listed individuals was practically identical:

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On August 14, 1974, [redacted] directed a letter to "Mr. O. E. COLEMAN (or Mr. _____ YOUNG) Special Inquiry Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.", a copy of which letter was designated for the FBI, Dallas, Texas, and Mr. EARL GOLZ, Investigative Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas. A copy of this letter is set forth as follows:

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[redacted]
ATTORNEY AT LAW
TOWER PETROLEUM BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

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August 14, 1974

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Mr. O. E. Coleman
(or Mr. ____ Young)
Special Inquiries Section
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Information and Problem to be placed
Before President Ford At Once - -
Nelson Rockefeller

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I just talked with Mr. Young concerning the enormity of the foregoing problem, and its requirement for immediate placement before the President.

The F.B.I. Dallas office has advised me that it is forwarding not only information concerning this grand fraud and swindle, but also data concerning an antitrust investigation that preceded this fraud by a number of years.

While the antitrust matters have nothing to do with the United Nuclear fraud and swindle, you should know the following:

1. There was an antitrust point involved in the attempt by American Metals to take over the huge Sabre properties. The antitrust point was alleged successfully as American Metals withdrew after the point was asserted.

2. There was a second antitrust point concerning interlocking directors. This point was successfully urged also as it was solved by resignation.

The F.B.I. Dallas office also probably forwarded you a 66-page memorandum that I filed before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee when I successfully opposed and testified against President Eisenhower's appointment of Lewis L. Strauss for Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. O. E. Coleman
(or Mr. ___ Young)

August 14, 1974

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No one in the Rockefeller Empire has ever attempted to justify or answer concerning the grand fraud and swindle of Sabre - not even when the Dallas Morning News wrote Laurance, David and Nelson separate letters inquiring about this fraud.

I enclose a letter recently written concerning this fraud and swindle, which describes the "closed eyes technique" of the Rockefeller Empire. Your investigations will confirm the statements in this letter.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted] b6 b7C

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Enclosure: Letter of August 2,1974 to
Securities and Exchange
Commission.

REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mercantile Continental Building
Dallas, Texas 75201

Mr. Earl Golz, Investigative Reporter
Dallas Morning News
Dallas, Texas 75222

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It should be noted that on July 25, 1956, as set forth in this report, Sheriff J. E. (BILL) DECKER advised he had called a Mr. [redacted] of Kuhn and Loeb, New York City, and determined that [redacted] was considered to be suffering from a mention disorder.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

Mr. Coleman
Room 4246

RE NEW YOUK TELETYPE TO SACRAMENTO, AUGUST 27, 1974.

TODAY, STANLEY STEINGUT, 41ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE IS THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY. HE STATED HE HAS NO QUESTION OF THE NOMINEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, HABITS, ASSOCIATES OR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES AND FEELS THE NOMINEE IS VERY INTELLIGENT, HARDWORKING AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. HOWEVER, HE IS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THE NOMINEE ON ISSUES OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, AND ON THIS BASIS, QUESTIONS THE NOMINEE' COMPETENCE. HE SAID IF HE WERE VOTING AS TO CONFIRMATION OF THE NOMINATION, HE WOULD VOTE TO CONFIRM BUT WOULD NOT HIMSELF DESIGNATE OR RECOMMEND DESIGNATION OF THE NOMINEE.

REPORT SUBMITTED AT SACRAMENTO TODAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, [redacted], COUNSEL TO NOMINEE, ADVISED SA JOHN E. HARREN AUGUST 27, 1974, THAT IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEW OF DR. [redacted], NOMINEE'S [redacted], NELSON ROCKEFELLER WAS CONTACTED BY [redacted] MORNING OF AUGUST 27, AT WHICH TIME NOMINEE REQUESTED THAT FBI, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, HOLD OFF INTERVIEW OF [redacted] UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY. NOMINEE INDICATED [redacted] IS APPARENTLY IN SEAL HARBOR, MAINE, A VERY SMALL COMMUNITY. NOMINEE ALSO EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT DR. [redacted] WOULD BE RETURNING TO NEW YORK CITY

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER LABOR DAY AND HE WOULD PREFER THAT HE BE INTERVIEWED IN NEW YORK CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

NOMINEE ALSO ADVISED [redacted] WAS CONTACTING HIS LAWYER, [redacted], IN CONNECTION WITH A WAIVER NEEDED TO REVIEW THE DIVORCE RECORDS PERTAINING TO HIMSELF AND HIS FORMER WIFE, MARY. NOMINEE FURTHER ADVISED [redacted] THAT [redacted], IN TURN, WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH MARY ROCKEFELLER'S LAWYER, [redacted], IN CONNECTION WITH A WAIVER FROM HER TO REVIEW THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE DIVORCE ACTION.

IT MAY BE NOTED THAT NOMINEE'S FORMER WIFE IS CURRENTLY IN EUROPE AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES ON AUGUST 28, 1974, OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1375)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK IMMEDIATE TELETYPE, AUGUST 27, 1974.

ROBERT BRUCE ORR, UPPER BLACK EDDY, PA., WAS CONTACTED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ADVISED THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AT 10:00 AM, AUGUST 28, 1974 REGARDING LEAD SET FORTH IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

PHILADELPHIA WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEW, AND PROMPTLY NOTIFY BUREAU OF RESULTS. REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ALBANY (161-965)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) (P) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

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RE NEW YORK TEL CALL TO ALBANY, INSTANT DATE.

HERBERT A. POSNER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, 22ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT HE BROUGHT THREE LAW SUITS AGAINST GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER FOR "ABUSE OF EXECUTIVE POWER". HE STATED TWO OF THESE SUITS CONCERNED NEW YORK STATE BUDGETS WHERE THE BUDGETS WERE NOT BALANCED, AND ONE SUIT DEALT WITH "THE TAX PACKAGE" CONCERNING THE BUDGET. POSNER SAID THREE SUITS WERE THROWN OUT OF HIGHEST COURT IN NEW YORK STATE FOR "LACK OF JUDICIAL STANDING". HE SAID HIS MAIN CONCERN AFOREMENTIONED SUITS WAS THAT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF LEGISLATURE WERE BEING ABUSED BY ROCKEFELLER'S BUDGETS.

ALBANY OFFICE WILL VERIFY ABOVE SUITS AND OBTAIN DETAILS AT NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

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FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO (161-774) (RUC) 1P

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RE NY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 26, 1974.

ON AUGUST 27, 1974, [redacted], EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO [redacted], SUITE 2000, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ADVISED [redacted] DEPARTED SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON AUGUST 25, 1974, ON A HUNTING TRIP TO SCOTLAND AND WAS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3, 1974. [redacted] DURING THIS PERIOD CAN BE CONTACTED AT BIRSE LODGE HOTEL ABOYNE, ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND, TELEPHONE ABOYNE 2254.

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UACB NO LEAD HAS BEEN SET FORTH FOR THE INTERVIEW OF [redacted] AND BECAUSE OF BUDED [redacted] WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED BY SAN ANTONIO DIVISION UPON HIS RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1974.

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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

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OF ROCKEFELLER UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO EXISTS, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED.

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NOMINEE IS CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WATER QUALITY. OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION INCLUDE SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE WHO IS VICE CHAIRMAN AND CAN BE

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REACHED AT HIS HOME ON [redacted] KENNEBUNKE BEACH, MAINE, TELEPHONE [redacted]; SENATOR HOWARD H. BAKER, JR., WHO CAN BE REACHED AT HIS OFFICE IN HUNTSVILLE, TENNESSEE, ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1974, CARE OF [redacted], TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]; U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN A. BLATNIK (MINNESOTA) WHO CAN BE REACHED AT [redacted] IN CHISHOLM, MINNESOTA OR [redacted] IN DULUTH, MINNESOTA; U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JAMES C. WRIGHT, JR., (TEXAS) WHO CAN BE REACHED THROUGH HIS FORT WORTH OFFICE AT TELEPHONE [redacted] MR. [redacted], WHOSE ADDRESS IS LISTED AS E.I. DUPONT NEMAURS, WILLMINGTON, DELAWARE; MR. [redacted], WHOSE ADDRESS IS LISTED AS [redacted], PEBBLE BEACH, CALIFORNIA; MR. [redacted], CLEVELAND PUBLIC UTILITIES, [redacted], CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF BIRMINGHAM, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT E. JONES (ALABAMA) IS ALSO ON THE COMMISSION. INVESTIGATION AT WDC REVEALS THAT JONES IS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL IN ALABAMA AND LEFT INSTRUCTIONS THAT HE NOT BE DISTURBED. UACB, BIRMINGHAM SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JONES.

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FOR INFORMATION BUREAU, OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMISSION INCLUDE SENATOR JAMES L. BUCKLEY AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JAMES R. GROVER, JR., BOTH OF NEW YORK WHO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY WFO. MR. CARL E. WRIGHT, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY WHO IS NOW DECEASED, WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION.

FOR INFORMATION CINCINNATI, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM H. HARSHA (OHIO) IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION AND WFO WILL ATTEMPT TO FURNISH CINCINNATI WITH A NUMBER WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED IN OHIO.

FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON, SENATOR LLOYD M. BENTSEN IS ALSO MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION AND WFO WILL ATTEMPT TO FURNISH A NUMBER WHERE HE CAN BE REACHED IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

ALL OFFICES HANDLE.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-8961) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE AUGUST 21, 1974.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

BORN JULY 8, 1908, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MINORITY LEADER STANLEY STEINGUT IS AT MANSION INN HOTEL, 916-444-8000, FOR THIS DAY AND WILL THEN GO TO SAND'S HOTEL, LAS VEGAS. SACRAMENTO INTERVIEW STEINGUT.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING TABLE OF CONTENTS IF APPROPRIATE.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (1P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. SPI. BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, DATED AUGUST 21, 1974, AND NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED AUGUST 23, 1974.

INVESTIGATION AT NEW YORK OFFICE REFLECTS THAT MAXINE CHESHIRE, A COLUMNIST FOR THE WASHINGTON POST, WASHINGTON, D.C., IS REPORTEDLY VERY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE NOMINEE. INVESTIGATION AT HER OFFICE AT THE WASHINGTON POST INDICATES SHE IS ON VACATION AND CAN BE REACHED AT HER HOME IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]. ALEXANDRIA HANDLE. DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ST. LOUIS

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 2P P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

JAMES O. DRUKER, ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, SPECIAL PROSECUTORS OFFICE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT [redacted] LIAM COONAN, ASSISTED HIM WHEN HE WAS AUSA IN A NARCOTICS VIOLATION CASE AGAINST [redacted]. HE STATED THAT AN UNDERCOVER AGENT TRIED TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING WITH [redacted] DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 11-20, 1971, AND [redacted] STATED HE COULD NOT MEET THE AGENT ON MONDAY DURING THAT PERIOD BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO MEET NELSON ROCKEFELLER. HE SAID [redacted] WAS EXECUTIVE IN ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE WILL CONTACT LIAM COONAN, HEAD OF ST. LOUIS FEDERAL STRIKE FORCE, TELEPHONE [redacted], AND OBTAIN

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DETAILS REGARDING HIS SUBPOENAING ROCKEFELLER'S OFFICE TO OBTAIN PHOT OF ROCKEFELLER AND [redacted], AND ALSO ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF ANY FEDERAL PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR BY PERSONNEL OF ROCKEFELLER'S OFFICE TO DESIST IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AFOREMENTIONED PHOTOGRAPH.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) (3P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG WAS INTERVIEWED BY WFO AND WAS HIGHLY COMPLEMENTARY TOWARD THE NOMINEE. GOLDBERG RAN AGAINST THE NOMINEE IN THE 1970 NEW YORK GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN AND WAS DEFEATED. GOLDBERG ADVISED THAT DURING THIS CAMPAIGN A BOOK ENTITLED "ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG; THE OLD AND THE NEW," WAS WRITTEN BY AUTHOR VICTOR LASKY. GOLDBERG HELD THAT THIS BOOK WAS LIBELOUS AND ASSERTIONS WERE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED. GOLDBERG ADVISED THAT THIS BOOK APPEARED IN PRINT DURING THE CAMPAIGN AND DISAPPEARED AFTER HIS DEFEAT BY THE NOMINEE. GOLDBERG DID NOT FEEL THAT THE NOMINEE HAD ANY PART IN THIS WRITING, BUT HAD BEEN CURIOUS AS TO ITS ORIGIN AND BACKING.

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ON INTERVIEW, VICTOR LASKY ADVISED THAT THIS BOOK WAS WRITTEN UPON THE SUGGESTION OF ATTORNEY JOHN WELLS, NEW YORK, WHO IS AN ATTORNEY OF LASKY. WELLS REPRESENTS A LITERARY ORGANIZATION CALLED LITERARY PROPERTIES, AND WELLS SUGGESTED GOLDBERG TO

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LASKY AS A SUBJECT BECAUSE HE WAS A FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AND AN UNKNOWN IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. LASKY ADVISED THAT HE AND WELLS THOUGHT THE BOOK WOULD SELL AND A PROFIT COULD BE MADE. LASKEY STATED HE WROTE THE BOOK INTENDING TO "KNOCK" GOLDBERG DOWN POLITICALLY BUT IN NO WAY WAS ANYONE CONNECTED WITH A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INVOLVED WITH THE WRITING OR FUNDING OF THE BOOK.

FOLLOWING THE DEFEAT OF GOLDBERG, THE BOOK FAILED AND LITTLE PROFIT WAS RECOGNIZED FROM THIS WRITING. LASKY FELT THAT IF GOLDBERG HAD WON THE BOOK WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL.

LASKY COULD NOT RECALL WHAT PROMPTED WELLS TO SUGGEST THE BOOK WITH GOLDBERG AS A SUBJECT OR COULD HE PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING FINANCING.

THE BOOK WAS PUBLISHED BY ARLINGTON HOUSE, NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK, 1970.

LASKY ADVISED THAT HE IS A PUBLISHED WRITER AND DEALS MAINLY WITH POLITICAL FIGURES. HE HAS WRITTEN BOOKS REGARDING

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THE CAREERS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND RICHARD M. NIXON (YET TO BE PUBLISHED).

JOHN WELLS IS AN ATTORNEY CURRENTLY AT THE LAW FIRM OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM P. ROGERS (ROYALL, KOEGEL, ROGERS AND WELLS), NEW YORK.

NEW YORK SHOULD NOTE THAT LASKY WAS INTERVIEWED BY WFO AGENTS IN 1973 IN CONNECTION WITH RECEIVING A CASH PAYMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT THE PRESIDENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,000. PAYMENTS WERE MADE BY [redacted] ALLEGEDLY FOR THE WRITING OF SPEECHES AND JOKES FOR [redacted] WHICH WERE NEVER USED. (WFO FILE [redacted] BUFILE [redacted]). b6 b7C

LEAD: NEW YORK AT NEW YORK: UACB, INTERVIEW JOHN WELLS RE ANY POLITICAL BACKING OR FUNDING OF REFERENCED BOOK. NEW YORK SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT INTERVIEW WITH FORMER JUSTICE GOLDBERG SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED AND NO ~~OBLIGATION~~ ALLEGATION OF POLITICAL BACKING SHOULD BE IMPLIED.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

BOSTON (161-2182)

Mr. Coleman
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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (161-510) P ONE PAGE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, AUGUST 21, 1974.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, JAMES P. MC FARLAND, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GENERAL MILLS, INC., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, b6 b7C ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH ROCKEFELLER SINCE 1929 WHEN THEY BOTH STUDENTS AT DARTMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE. MC FARLAND'S [redacted], [redacted], WAS A CLASSMATE OF MR. ROCKEFELLER AND HIS BROTHER HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH MR. ROCKEFELLER SINCE THAT TIME. [redacted] IS A MEMBER OF THE BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, LAW FIRM OF HERRICH, SMITH, DONALD, AND FARLEY.

BOSTON WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] AS SET OUT IN b6 b7C REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE.

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[redacted], ROUND LAKE , NEW YORK, SELF-STYLED CRUSADER FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER NOMINEE TOOK OFFICE AS GOVERNOR IN 1959, AUTO INSURANCE RATES INCREASED BY 33PERCENT. AS A RESULT, NOMINEE BENEFITED HIMSELF FINANCIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS LARGE HOLDINGS IN INSURANCE COMPANIES WRITING AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES IN NEW YORK STATE.

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THE NEW YORK STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE, AT THE TIME, WAS THOMAS THATCHER, NOW WITH LAW FIRM OF PATTERSON, BELKNAPP AND WEBB, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC. 161-6197-1164

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THATCHER'S SECRETARY ADVISED THAT THATCHER IS IN MAINE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2, 1974. SHE SAID HE CAN BE CONTACTED AT DEACON BROWN'S POINT, NORTH HAVEN, MAINE, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]. BOSTON OFFICE WILL CONTACT THATCHER REGARDING ABOVE.

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BOSTON REQUESTED CONTACT AND INTERVIEW [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], ARCHITECT, SEAL HARBOR, MAINE, TELEPHONE NUMBER

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BOSTON AUGUST 23, 1974.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC) REVEALS THAT MR. GORDON GRAY, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, CURRENTLY SERVES WITH THE NOMINEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB) AND HE IS CURRENTLY VACATIONING IN NORTHEAST HARBOUR, MAINE, WHERE HE WILL BE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10, 1974. HE CAN BE REACHED ON TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]. BOSTON HANDLE

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DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674)(P)(2P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

REBUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO DATED AUGUST 26, 1974.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE ABOVE LISTED OFFICES, ON AUGUST 22, 1974, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN, NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT THE ONLY RUMORS SHE HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED OF AN UNFAVORABLE NATURE REGARDING THE NOMINEE WAS A RUMOR THAT ALLEGED THAT THE NOMINEE HAD ARRANGED FOR THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, NEW YORK CITY, TO MAKE LOANS FOR HIS VARIOUS GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGNS, AND THAT THE NOMINEE HAD PERSONALLY GUARANTEED THESE LOANS AS A CO-SIGNER. FOLLOWING THE CAMPAIGNS, THE LOANS REMAINED UNPAID AND THE NOMINEE HAD PAID THESE LOANS PERSONALLY. FOLLOWING THE PAYMENT OF THESE LOANS, THE NOMINEE HAD DEDUCATED THE AMOUNTS PAID AS BUSINESS DEDUCTIONS ON HIS INCOME TAX. REPRESENTATIVE

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HOLTZMAN STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT VOUCH FOR THE VALIDITY OF THIS RUMOR NOR DID SHE KNOW IF THERE WAS ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IMPLIED. SHE COULD NOT RECALL THE SOURCE OF THIS RUMOR.

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REFERENCE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1974.

ON AUGUST 26, 1974, MRS. ALICE WIDENER, [redacted] NEW YORK CITY, NM PUBLISHER OF USA MAGAZINE AND A SELF-SYNDICATED COLUMNIST WHO HAS BEEN LONG TIME FRIEND OF FBI, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT PETER BETER HAD WRITTEN BOOK "THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE DOLLAR", WHICH IS CRITICAL OF WHAT BETER REFERS TO AS "ROCKEFELLER DYNASTY". Peter Heter — USA

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MRS. WIDENER ADVISED THAT, BASED ON HER REVIEW OF BETER'S WRITINGS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SHE FEELS BETER'S MENTAL HEALTH SHOULD BE QUESTIONED. MRS. WIDENER CHARACTERIZED BETER AS HAVING "A MONOMANIA ABOUT THE ROCKEFELLERS" AND HE (BETER) HAS BEAN

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EMPLOYING THE VEHICLE OF RADIO TALK SHOWS TO CONVEY "HIS PERSONAL DISTORTED VIEWS" ON WHAT PROBLEMS THE WORLD ECONOMY IS FACING.

MRS. WIDENER ADVISED THAT ON APRIL 23, 1974, BEYER TESTIFIED BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY, WHICH WAS CONSIDERING A BILL TO AMEND THE EXPORT - IMPORT BANK ACT OF 1945. DURING HIS TESTIMONY, WHICH WAS GIVEN IN ROOM 2128, RAYBURN OFFICE BUILDING, BEYER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS AN ATTORNEY WHO, SINCE 1968, HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION "TO DO BUSINESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE" (FORMERLY THE BELGIAN CONGO). BOWDLER'S NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THIS TESTIMONY.

MRS. WIDENER WAS NOT AWARE OF BEYER'S CURRENT ADDRESS OR HOW HE COULD BE REACHED.

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RE ALBANY TELETYPE, AUGUST 23, 1974, SETTING FORTH INFO FROM [redacted], ROUND LAKE, NEW YORK, SELF-STYLED CRUSADER FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, WHEREIN HE ALLEGED THAT SOON AFTER TAKING OFFICE AS GOVERNOR IN 1959, NOMINEE BENEFITED FROM CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY, NYC, RATE RAISE BECAUSE HE HAD LARGE HOLDINGS IN THIS POWER COMPANY.

NYO UNABLE TO LOCATE [redacted] AS HE IS NOT LISTED IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR THE FIVE BOROUGHS OF NEW YORK OR THE CROSS REFERENCE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR BKLYN.

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ALBANY OFFICE WILL CONTACT MR. PRINDLE, NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ALBANY, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE [redacted], TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted], IF HE IS STILL LIVING.

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FOR INFORMATION PHILADELPHIA, INVESTIGATION AT NEW YORK DETERMINED ROBERT BRUCE ORR FORMER LEGAL COUNSEL TO ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS AND ASSOCIATES AND CURRENTLY RESIDING AT UPPER BLACK EDDY, PENNSYLVANIA, TELEPHONE [redacted], PHILADELPHIA b6 b7C CONTACT ORR REGARDING COMMENTS CONCERNING NOMINEE.

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Report of: SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER Office: Alexandria, Virginia
Date: 8/27/74

Field Office File #: AX 161-2695 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Associate, JOHN C. MC CLINTOCK, recommends nominee highly and [redacted] reveal no derogatory information relative to nominee, his spouse or his former spouse. b3 b7E

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DETAILS:

ASSOCIATE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN C. MC CLINTOCK, 218 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia, advised he first became associated with the nominee in 1940 when he was appointed to the post of assistant to the nominee, who was coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Subsequently, in 1944, Mr. ROCKEFELLER was appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of State, at which time he, MC CLINTOCK, was appointed Special Assistant to the nominee. He described the nominee as a completely capable and able man for such a high-level position and considers him an authority on Latin-American affairs. Mr. MC CLINTOCK stated the nominee has a tremendous amount of experience in all phases of government affairs, and he could not think of a better man for the position of Vice President of the United States. He advised he and the nominee left the above-mentioned positions in 1945 and since that time, any contact has been strictly social, primarily in the New York area. Mr.

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MC CLINTOCK advised he has not seen or talked to the nominee in about ten years.

He stated he has no reservations regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States Government; and he most highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On August 27, 1974, PATRICK RYAN, President, Fidelity Bank of Colonie, Colonie, New York, was contacted at the law office of KENNETH M. GOLDBERG, 151 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts. He stated that he has been interviewed by the Albany Office.

Lead was set forth for Boston by Albany teletype 8/26/74.

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Report of: SA JOHN R. DOYLE, JR. Office: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Date: 8/27/74

Field Office File #: 161-2182 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Synopsis:

Close associate, political and business acquaintances and member of judiciary recommend. Governor of New Hampshire stated that with nominee's philosophical approach to government, he would be the last person he would recommend as Vice-President to fight the inflation that exists in the United States today. ELLIS O. BRIGGS, Career Ambassador, United States Government, related he and nominee frequently "locked horns" on official matters and matters of policy with regard to foreign affairs in Latin America. He preferred to make no statement as to recommendation since he has been away from the Washington scene since 1962. No credit or arrest record. No tax liens.

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Investigation was conducted by the following Special Agents:

JOHN SLOAN DICKEY	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
Governor FRANCIS W. SARGENT	SA JOHN R. DOYLE, JR.
EDWARD V. REAGAN	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
General LUCIUS D. CLAY	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
WARREN M. ANDERSON	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
ROSWELL B. PERKINS	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
EDWIN H. LAND	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
DONALD S. HARRINGTON	SA JAMES V. GIBBONS
Remaining investigation in the State of New Hampshire	SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR.
Investigation at Augusta and North Haven, Maine	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
Remaining investigation in the State of Maine	SA [redacted] b6 b7C
Remaining investigation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	SA [redacted] b6 b7C

CLOSE ASSOCIATES

On March 27, 1969, during the course of an applicant-type investigation concerning ROCKEFELLER, JOHN SLOAN DICKEY, President of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, advised that he had been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for over thirty-five years. He said that ROCKEFELLER graduated from Dartmouth College with honors in 1930 and has had a close relationship with the college since that time. He related that ROCKEFELLER was a trustee of Dartmouth College for a term in the late 1940's and has taken a keen interest in the development of Hopkins Art Center at Dartmouth College. DICKEY stated that normally ROCKEFELLER visits Dartmouth College at least once a year, usually during the fall to watch a football game. DICKEY described ROCKEFELLER as a close personal friend who is a tough-minded idealist but who is also a firm and realistic leader.

DICKEY advised that had always felt very privileged to have a close association with ROCKEFELLER and he gave his highest recommendation. DICKEY concluded by advising that ROCKEFELLER was to be the featured speaker at the anniversary commencement of Dartmouth College during June, 1969.

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THOMAS B. MC CABE, Member, Board of Directors, Scott Paper Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, residence address [redacted], Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, was interviewed on August 26, 1974, at his summer residence Pine Cottage, Northeast Harbor, Maine. He advised that he has vacationed at Northeast Harbor, Maine, since 1939, and that he has known the nominee, who has a summer residence at Seal Harbor, Maine, since that time. He advised that he is a National Committeeman for the Republican Party of Pennsylvania and that he has supported the nominee in political affairs. He further advised that for a period of 18 months during the 1950's, exact dates not recalled, he worked on a Rockefeller Commission Report dealing with the national economy and foreign affairs. He said that he was Chairman of the Economic Group with respect to the Rockefeller Commission Report. He said he considers the nominee a person of excellent character, associates, and reputation. He considers the nominee a person of outstanding capabilities in the business finance area and in the political area. He said he considers the nominee an outstanding leader and feels that the people of America would be fortunate in having an individual of his caliber as Vice-President of the United States. He recommended the nominee without reservation for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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POLITICAL ACQUAINTANCES

On March 28, 1969, Governor FRANCIS W. SARGENT, Statehouse, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he is closely associated with Governor ROCKEFELLER and has been for over five years. He described Governor ROCKEFELLER as an extraordinary, honorable person with excellent habits and behavior and with no known weaknesses or faults.

Governor SARGENT is not acquainted with members of Governor ROCKEFELLER's family but he knows that Governor ROCKEFELLER is well respected. To his knowledge, Governor ROCKEFELLER has always associated with leaders of the business world, Government, and academic community. Governor SARGENT said that Governor ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding, loyal citizen and is qualified to perform in an excellent manner in any Governmental position.

Governor SARGENT enthusiastically recommended Governor ROCKEFELLER and rendered his full endorsement as to character, loyalty, and associates for employment in a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

On August 22, 1974, Governor FRANCIS W. SARGENT, Statehouse, Boston, Massachusetts, was recontacted and reiterated his comments concerning Governor ROCKEFELLER that he made when interviewed during 1969. He also stated that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER both professionally and socially since 1959, and considers ROCKEFELLER an excellent choice for Vice President of the United States. He advised that he knows of no biases or prejudices that Governor ROCKEFELLER might possess, describing him as a loyal American with an excellent character, reputation, and associates. He said he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning Governor ROCKEFELLER. He recommended Governor ROCKEFELLER without reservation for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, EDWARD V. REAGAN, Erie County Executive, Buffalo, New York, a Republican, with residence at [redacted], Buffalo, New York, was interviewed at his vacation address, Wauwinet, Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. Mr. REAGAN advised he met ROCKEFELLER in approximately 1966 when he first ran for public office. His subsequent contacts with ROCKEFELLER have been frequent and have primarily been the result of political situations involving campaigns, b6 b7C

commissions, or political conferences mostly in the Buffalo, New York, area. He last saw ROCKEFELLER approximately three or four months ago. REAGAN holds the nominee in very high esteem and considers his ability to be outstanding. He further regards him to be a solid, sound individual with a superior personality and intelligence. He considers ROCKEFELLER to possess an outstanding character, reputation, and associates and his loyalty to the Government of the United States is beyond question. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be very highly qualified for the Vice-Presidency of the United States and he so recommends him for this position.

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Mr. WARREN M. ANDERSON, Republican, New York State Senator, and currently Senate Majority Leader, who resides at [redacted], Binghamton, New York, and who is a member of the law firm of Hinman, Howard and Katall, Binghamton, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, at his vacation address at [redacted], Truro, Massachusetts. b6 b7C

ANDERSON advised he has served in the New York State Senate since 1953 and first met NELSON ROCKEFELLER in the summer of 1958, when ROCKEFELLER had run as the Republican candidate for the Governorship of that State.

He recalled from 1966 to 1973, he had served as Chairman of Finance and had worked closely with ROCKEFELLER on State budgetary matters, usually meeting with ROCKEFELLER and his staff on two or three occasions during each week of the legislative session.

He noted since 1973, he has become Senate Majority Leader and his close contacts have continued with the Vice Presidential nominee.

He stated during the entire period of his professional association with ROCKEFELLER, he has found him to be a friendly, reasonable, sincere and considerate individual of excellent character and unquestioned loyalty who has always exhibited a sincere desire to see this country do well.

He noted ROCKEFELLER had always selected outstanding, intellectually interesting, decent and hardworking people to work for him and has expected and received "the most" from these people.

He recalled during those years of the ROCKEFELLER Governorship when the New York State Legislature was either controlled in one or both branches by the opposition Party, ROCKEFELLER had always dealt with that Party in the same fair and direct way that he had operated during the period of his Party's domination, and had maintained a good working relationship between the Executive and Legislative Branches throughout the period of his Governorship.

He related that ROCKEFELLER has always been considerate and fair to both him and his family and he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President.

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On August 25, 1974, MELDRIM THOMSON, Governor, State of New Hampshire, Concord, New Hampshire, advised that he has had very little personal contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER other than his association with him at various Governors' conferences. He advised that he knows his character, integrity and honesty to be "good", and that he has no reason to question Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty to the United States Government. Governor THOMSON advised that he would not recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President. He stated that with Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S philosophical approach to government he would be the last person he would recommend for such a position to fight the inflation that exists in the United States today. Governor THOMSON advised that he has made known to President FORD his opinion on the appointment of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

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DONALD S. HARRINGTON, Chairman of the New York State Liberal Party, furnished the following information when he was interviewed at his summer residence at [redacted], Denmark, Maine: b6 b7C

In connection with his position as Chairman of the New York State Liberal Party, he has had a tremendous opportunity to become acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he knows of nothing which would reflect unfavorably against ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President of the United States. He stated he regards him as an outstanding person, a tremendously able politician and a man of honor and integrity. He advised that from his association with ROCKEFELLER, he has differed on occasion because of their political philosophies but ROCKEFELLER has always evidenced religious tolerance and never demonstrated any prejudices against minority or ethnic groups. On occasion, he has been possibly influenced by political considerations but has not ever been subjected, to his knowledge, to any improper considerations. In the past, Governor ROCKEFELLER took a strong stand on the law enforcement problem. His stand was different than that which would have been taken by Mr. HARRINGTON but considerations after the Attica situation have indicated that perhaps ROCKEFELLER'S stand was the better. He disagrees with Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S stand on the manner in which the narcotics problem has been handled in the State of New York because he does not feel that long prison sentences will be the solution for the narcotic problem.

Mr. HARRINGTON advised that he holds Governor ROCKEFELLER in the highest regard and believes that he would be an outstanding Vice-President of the United States.

Mr. JAMES ERWIN, Augusta, Maine, Republican Gubernatorial Candidate for Governor of the State of Maine, advised on August 26, 1974, he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER since the mid 1960's. Mr. ERWIN advised that he first met the nominee in connection with a conference of State Attorneys General and pointed out that he, Mr. ERWIN, served as Attorney General of Maine for a six-year period and also served as a Maine State Senator and Maine State Representative. He advised that in connection with his Republican Party activities he has met Governor ROCKEFELLER on a fairly continuous basis and stated that he has been continually impressed with the Governor's administrative abilities as well as his continuing efforts to better the lot of all Americans. He stated that his last contact with the Governor was approximately two weeks ago when he accompanied the Governor to a gubernatorial conference in Chicago, Illinois. He advised that it is his opinion that no finer man could be confirmed for the Vice-Presidential post and stated that he has never heard or learned of any information which unfavorably reflects on the Governor in terms of his character, loyalty, reputation, or morals. He stated that he would strongly recommend the confirmation of ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President.

CYRIL JOLY, Maine State Senator, Waterville, Maine, advised on August 26, 1974 that he first met Governor ROCKEFELLER in the mid 1960's in connection with his service as Republican National Committeeman for the State of Maine. He stated that he has also served as Republican State Chairman for the State of Maine for a period of four years and in connection with all of these activities he frequently had the opportunity to meet and speak with Governor ROCKEFELLER, at political meetings and political fund-raising activities. He stated that he has been continuously impressed by the Governor's willingness to appear at Republican promotional activities and further stated that on those occasions when he has had an opportunity to speak at length with the Governor, he has always found him to be particularly interested in the problems of the little man and in particular the activities of the Republican Party in Maine. He stated that it is his opinion that no finer man could have been selected and nominated for the post of Vice-President of the United States and he would strongly recommend confirmation of Governor ROCKEFELLER by the Congress of the United States.

Mr. HAROLD JONES, Augusta, Maine, State Republican Party Chairman, advised on August 26, 1974, that he has known

Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1964 when he first met him in connection with his, JONES', activities as Republican National Committeeman for the State of Maine. JONES advised that he presently serves in that capacity and, through Republican Party inquiries, was asked to name three individuals whom he would recommend to President FORD for the position of Vice-President. He stated that he indicated Governor ROCKEFELLER was his first choice and stated that he is of the opinion that no better and more qualified man could be found in the United States to fill this position. He stated he knows of absolutely no fact or rumor which reflects unfavorably on the character, reputation, or loyalty of Governor ROCKEFELLER. He further stated that the Governor's expertise in the fields of finance and economics singles him out as the most qualified individual to be considered for the position of Vice-President. He stated that he would strongly urge the confirmation of Governor ROCKEFELLER by the Congress of the United States.

Mr. JEROLD SPEERS, Republican, State Senator, Maine Senatorial District Number 15, Winthrop, Maine, advised on August 26, 1974 that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER since the early 1960's and became acquainted with him in 1964 and thereafter in connection with his duties as a delegate to the Republican National Conventions when he supported Governor ROCKEFELLER for the Presidency of the United States. He stated Governor ROCKEFELLER's expertise in matters of finance and administration is unquestioned and he is without doubt the most qualified man to hold the position of Vice-President of the United States to be found in the country today. He advised Governor ROCKEFELLER has a thorough understanding of international problems as well, and is one of the few politicians in the United States who can travel in the Western Hemisphere, and in particular Latin and South America, and can converse with the nationals of those countries in their native tongues. He advised that he would completely and enthusiastically recommend the confirmation of Governor ROCKEFELLER for the post of Vice-President of the United States.

Governor KENNETH M. CURTIS, State House, Augusta, Maine, advised on August 26, 1974 that he first met Governor ROCKEFELLER in 1967 in connection with their activities as

gubernatorial incumbents in the respective States of New York and Maine. Governor CURTIS stated that he has attended many meetings with Governor ROCKEFELLER, served on many commissions, and has spoken telephonically with him on numerous occasions. He stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER's expertise in areas of finance and government is unequaled and he would have absolutely no hesitation in recommending his confirmation as Vice-President of the United States by the Congress of the United States. He advised that no fact has ever come to his attention directly or indirectly which would reflect unfavorably upon the Governor and stated that he is pleased to recommend a Maine native for confirmation to this high office.

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BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCES

On August 23, 1974, [redacted], b6 b7C
Attorney with law office in New York City, New York, was interviewed at his summer residence, [redacted], Little Compton, Rhode Island. He advised that he has been associated with Mr. NELSON ROCKEFELLER since the mid 1950's in a number of governmental assignments. He first met Mr. ROCKEFELLER when both were with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, D. C., and later as an aide in various political campaigns. In 1958 or 1959, he acted as counsel on legislative matters for Mr. ROCKEFELLER who was then Governor of the State of New York. Mr. [redacted] said he had an excellent opportunity to observe Mr. ROCKEFELLER closely and found him to be an extremely intelligent, competent and effective leader with vast experience in government.

Mr. [redacted] observed that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has b6 b7C the ability to quickly absorb and assimilate complex details and form a reasonable solution to problems of any nature. His greatest asset in this regard is a knack of dealing with persons of varying views and obtaining a consentient program. He described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an open, straightforward person who abhors shady or tricky dealings. He feels he is a decisive man with strong opinions, but not an unreasonable man. He said that the nominee will listen to others and if convinced, will modify his views. Mr. [redacted] stated he holds Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding patriot, honest, reliable, and strong physically, mentally and emotionally. Mr. [redacted] stated he had no information of a derogatory nature regarding ROCKEFELLER and supports fully ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice-President of the United States.

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ELLIS O. BRIGGS, Career Ambassador, United States Government, was interviewed at his summer residence at Topsfield, Maine, on August 23, 1974. He advised that he was employed as an officer of the State Department from 1925 to 1962. During the period 1937-1940, he was Assistant Chief to the Division of Latin American Affairs in the State Department, Washington, D. C. He was Ambassador to the Dominican Republic from approximately March 21, 1944 to January, 1945. He said that following the presidential election of 1944, all United States Ambassadors submitted their resignations.

He said that at that time the nominee, as Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, accepted his resignation. He said that he was the only Ambassador whose resignation was accepted at that time. He said that although he was removed as Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, his career was not ruined as he remained with the State Department and later served in six embassies.

BRIGGS stated that the nominee was appointed to the position of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs during World War II. He said that the functions of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs were loosely defined and duplicated many of the functions of the State Department in Latin America. He and the nominee frequently "locked horns" on official matters and matters of policy with regard to foreign affairs in Latin America. He said these differences were with regard to matters of policy regarding Latin American affairs and not personal. He said the nominee was appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs on December 20, 1944, after three or four years as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and served in the capacity of Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs through August 17, 1945. He said he questions the nominee's ability with regard to foreign affairs, particularly with regard to Latin American affairs and that he bases this statement primarily on his knowledge of the nominee during the period the nominee was employed as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and as Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs.

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He said his differences with the nominee were not personal; that his differences with nominee were on matters of policy regarding Latin American affairs. He said the nominee favored the friendly approach and good neighbor policy by means of aid programs. He said that he, ELLIS O. BRIGGS, questioned the aid program approach with regard to Latin American Affairs and whether or not it made substantial political friends and kept the aided country from going communist. He said his own approach was a firm approach with very selective aid programs and some "quid pro quo" from the aided nation.

He said he knows of no reason to question the nominee's loyalty to the United States and he considers him a loyal American. He further stated that he has no reason to question the nominee's ability as Governor of New York or his ability as an administrator. He said he knows of no reason to question the character or reputation of the nominee. He said he preferred to make no statement with regard to recommending the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States in view of the fact he has been away from the Washington scene since 1962.

Mr. THOMAS J. WATSON, North Haven, Maine, advised on August 26, 1974 that he has known the nominee since prior to World War II. He stated that his primary contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER came in connection with his duties as Chairman of the Board of the IBM Corporation in New York, New York. He stated, however, that at the outset he was privileged to be appointed to the Board of Directors of a small theatre group in New York City, which was sponsored by the ROCKEFELLER family. He stated that that was his first contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER and thereafter he had contact with the Governor from time to time and followed his activities in the Department of State. He further advised that he served on the Board of Directors of the Rockefeller Foundation for a period of ten years and during that time became acquainted with all members of the ROCKEFELLER family. He stated that presently he is a neighbor of JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. at North Haven, Maine. Mr. WATSON stated that he considers himself to be a close friend of DAVID and LAURENCE ROCKEFELLER and has served with LAURENCE ROCKEFELLER in connection with many business and charitable activities in the New York area. He also pointed out that he accepted a nomination from Governor ROCKEFELLER to serve on the Hudson River Valley Commission and in connection with all these duties came to admire and respect the Governor's intellectual and administrative abilities. Mr. WATSON stated that he wished to point out that he normally considers himself a member of the Democratic Party but would state that he would back Governor ROCKEFELLER for any position for which he was nominated or chose to run. He advised that he could not think of any individual in the United States who is better qualified to be Vice-President of the United States. He considers the character of Governor ROCKEFELLER to be exemplary and he knows of no information directly or indirectly which unfavorably reflects upon the Governor's character, reputation, or loyalty to the United States. He advised that he cannot find praise high enough for the Governor in connection with this matter and would recommend him without reservation to the Congress for confirmation as the Vice-President.

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On August 23, 1974, General LUCIUS D. CLAY, Retired, United States Army, Republican, with office at [redacted], New York City, New York, was interviewed at Square Sea, Pine Road, North Chatham, Massachusetts. General CLAY advised he first came to know ROCKEFELLER when ROCKEFELLER was serving in the Administration of FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT. Since that time, he has had frequent and extensive contact with ROCKEFELLER, both professionally and socially, and last saw him within the past year. He has the highest possible regard for the nominee's ability as an administrator and considers his intelligence, experience, and general overall ability to be of the most exceptional nature. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a person of moderate habits socially and to be a somewhat reserved individual from a social standpoint, consistent with a person of his position in life. His regard for ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, associates, and loyalty to the United States is unquestioned. General CLAY stated that he would recommend the nominee for any position or job in the United States, including that of President or Vice-President. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Dr. EDWIN H. LAND, President, Polaroid Corporation, [redacted], Cambridge, Massachusetts, stated that he has been associated with the nominee, professionally and socially, for approximately twenty years. He said his association with nominee has been closer the past several years since they have been members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. b6 b7C

Dr. LAND stated the nominee is a person dedicated to this country, its people, and public affairs. He added that the nominee's integrity and competency are unquestionable and that President FORD has made an excellent selection for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. He recommended nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

On August 27, 1974, WILLIAM S. BEINECKE, Chairman of the Board, Sperry and Hutchinson Company, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, who is currently residing at [redacted], Chatham, Massachusetts, advised he had met the Vice-Presidential nominee on only one occasion and knows him only as a public figure. He indicated he had been a member of the Governor's Club in New York City, which was a group of several hundred sponsors of ROCKEFELLER, during the period of his Governorship in New York. He indicated based on his knowledge of ROCKEFELLER as a public figure, he would support and recommend him for the position of Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 27, 1974, JOHN HURLING, News Correspondent, who resides at [redacted], Bethesda, Maryland, and who is currently vacationing at Menemsha, Massachusetts, advised he first met NELSON ROCKEFELLER in Washington, D.C. in 1940 when ROCKEFELLER had served as Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and HURLING had been associated with this group. This association with ROCKEFELLER continued when ROCKEFELLER served as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs in 1945, and later in 1953 when ROCKEFELLER served as Under Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. He recalled throughout this period he had maintained personal and professional contacts with ROCKEFELLER on social and labor-related matters. This association continued over the years of ROCKEFELLER's Governorship of New York State and HURLING recalled his last personal contact with ROCKEFELLER had been in 1972 when ROCKEFELLER had appeared at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., during the period when HURLING had served as Chairman of the Speakers Committee for that group. b6 b7C

He described ROCKEFELLER as a very intelligent, capable, and loyal American of excellent character and reputation who is devoted to the public good and whom he would highly recommend for the position of Vice President.

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On August 26, 1974, JOHN S. STILLMAN, Attorney, residence address [redacted], Cornwall-On-Hudson, Orange County, New York, advised he has summered at Seal Harbor, Maine, for the past five years and that he knows the nominee socially. He further advised that during the period 1959-1960, he was a member of the Bridge Authority in New York State and had occasional contact with the nominee in that capacity. He considers nominee a loyal American and a very capable individual. He considers the nominee a person of good character, reputation and associates. He said he would recommend the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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MEMBER OF JUDICIARY

On August 27, 1974, WILLIAM H. TIMBERS, United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 915 Lafayette Drive, Bridgeport, Connecticut, residence address [redacted], Darien, Connecticut, summer residence Surry, Maine, advised he has had only limited contact with the nominee. He stated that he worked on the nominee's early campaign for Governor during the approximate period 1956-1960. He advised that the nominee was a trustee of Dartmouth College. He said that he personally was President of the Alumni Association of Dartmouth College during the approximate period 1964-1971. He advised that a joint meeting of the trustees and Alumni Association was held in January of each year and that he may have been in contact with the nominee three or four times during that period in connection with the meetings at Dartmouth College. He said he knows of nothing derogatory regarding the nominee. He considers the nominee a loyal American of excellent character, associates and reputation. He said that based on his knowledge of the nominee, he considers him a very capable individual and said he would recommend the nominee without question for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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CREDIT

It should be noted that there is no credit reporting agency for Hanover, New Hampshire.

On August 26, 1974, Mrs. [redacted], Credit Bureau of Bangor, 61 Main Street, Bangor, Maine, advised that the files contain no record identifiable with the nominee. b6 b7C

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ARREST

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Police Department, Hanover, New Hampshire, advised that the files contain no record identifiable with nominee. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Clerk, Identification Division, New Hampshire State Police, Concord, New Hampshire, a central repository for arrest records in the State of New Hampshire, advised that the files contain no record identifiable with nominee. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Mrs. [redacted] Clerk, State Bureau of Identification, Maine State Police, Augusta, Maine, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the State of Maine, advised that the files contain no record identifiable with nominee, MARY TODHUNTER CLARK ROCKEFELLER, MARGARETTA FITLER MURPHY ROCKEFELLER, RODMAN CLARK ROCKEFELLER, [redacted], [redacted] [redacted] or DAVID ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Deputy [redacted], Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Ellsworth, Maine, advised that the files contain no record identifiable with nominee, his wife, ex-wife, children or brother DAVID. It is to be noted that office covers Seal Harbor, Maine. b6 b7C

He related that he has known nominee and the members of his family for years, explaining that nominee has a summer home at Seal Harbor. He said nominee's brother, DAVID, also has a summer home at Seal Harbor. He advised that the nominee and all members of the ROCKEFELLER family have been excellent residents of the community. He stated that he is not well acquainted with the nominee, adding he knows of nothing unfavorable concerning nominee. He recommended nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

He advised that the nominee, his wife and [redacted] are currently vacationing at Seal Harbor, adding that nominee's brother, DAVID, b6 b7C

and his wife, MARGARET, also are currently vacationing at their home at Seal Harbor. He said all members of the ROCKEFELLER family enjoy an excellent reputation in the area.

On August 22, 1974, LYMAN KANE, Chief of Police, Bar Harbor, Maine, advised that the files contain no record identifiable with nominee or the members of his family.

On August 22, 1974, Sergeant [redacted] Northeast Harbor Police Department, Northeast Harbor, Maine, advised that the files contain no record identifiable with nominee or the members of his family. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he has known the nominee as a vacation resident of the area for about 40 years, adding that nominee, his wife and their two young children are currently vacationing at their home at Seal Harbor. He said the nominee's brother, DAVID, and the latter's wife, MARGARET, are also vacationing at their home at Seal Harbor. He stated that nominee's first wife is currently residing on South Shore Road, Northeast Harbor, Maine. b6 b7C

[redacted] informed that he is acquainted with the nominee and said he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the nominee. He stated the nominee and all members of the family possess a good reputation in the area. He recommended the nominee for the position of Vice-President of the United States. b6 b7C

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MISCELLANEOUS

On August 22, 1974, Mr. [redacted], b6 b7C State Tax Assessor, Bureau of Taxation, Maine Department of Finance and Administration, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine, advised that the nominee, being domiciled in the State of New York, is liable to Maine State income tax as a non-resident only if he had reported income derived from sources in Maine. He said that no such record exists and stated that there is no record of tax liability or tax delinquency for the nominee in the files of his office.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted], Treasurer b6 and Tax Collector, Northeast Harbor, Maine, which b7C office collects the taxes for Seal Harbor, Maine, advised that the files reveal no delinquencies or tax liens outstanding against the nominee.

He related that he has known the nominee since the 1940's and has found him to be a man of excellent character, reputation and associates and an asset to that area of Maine. He said that he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning nominee. He recommended nominee without reservation for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

On August 22, 1974, Mrs. [redacted], Registry b6 of Deeds Office, Hancock County, Ellsworth, Maine, b7C advised that a review of the files of that office revealed no covenants pertaining to race, color, creed or religion attached to any real property presently owned or that has been owned by the nominee.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: BALTIMORE b6 b7C
Date: August 27, 1974

Field Office File #: Baltimore 161-3961 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

[illegible] 12-18-91 BY 9803 NSD/ICSR

Synopsis:

ARTHUR A. HOUGHTON, JR., Wye Plantation, Wye Mills, Maryland, member of the Board of Directors of Corning Glassware Inc., retired member of Boards of Directors of U. S. Steel, U. S. Trust Company and New York Life Insurance Company, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER and the ROCKEFELLER family since childhood. HOUGHTON has served as Vice-Chairman of Finance for ROCKEFELLER's Presidential campaigns of 1960 and 1964. He has served in the same capacity for gubernatorial campaign for ROCKEFELLER in State of New York. HOUGHTON described ROCKEFELLER family as "the most distinguished family in America." He described nominee as man of highest integrity and reputation in both private and professional life. HOUGHTON stated ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to America is unquestioned and his desire to serve his country is his foremost concern. HOUGHTON stated that nominee has a genius for administration and has the ability to communicate with people in all walks of life. HOUGHTON advised he knew of no derogatory information regarding nominee and would recommend him without reservation for the position of Vice-President of the United States. No [redacted]. b3 b7E

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The following investigation was conducted on August 26, 1974, by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

ARTHUR A. HOUGHTON, JR., Wye Plantation, Wye Mills, Maryland, was advised that the background investigation regarding NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was being conducted at the request of the White House. Mr. HOUGHTON advised that he is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Corning Glassware Inc. and that he is a retired member of the Boards of Directors of the U. S. Steel Company, U. S Trust Company, and New York Life Insurance Company.

Mr. HOUGHTON advised he has known the ROCKEFELLER family since childhood, although he was not a close personal friend of the nominee until after he, HOUGHTON, served as Vice-Chairman of Finance for the 1960 and 1964 Presidential Nomination campaigns for ROCKEFELLER. He advised he served in the same capacity for ROCKEFELLER's gubernatorial campaign in the State of New York. Mr. HOUGHTON advised he has served on the Board of Directors for the ROCKEFELLER Foundation and is Vice-Chairman of the Rockefeller Center in New York. Mr. HOUGHTON advised that in all his associations with the ROCKEFELLER family he has formed the opinion that the ROCKEFELLER family is the most distinguished family in America. He advised that the nominee is an individual of the highest personal integrity. Mr. HOUGHTON advised that he knows numerous associates of the nominee and that the nominee has an excellent reputation among these individuals. HOUGHTON stated that ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to America is above question. He advised that he knows from personal experience that ROCKEFELLER has made many political and private decisions based solely on what he felt was good for America. HOUGHTON advised that ROCKEFELLER's foremost concern is to serve his country and his fellow man.

HOUGHTON advised that he had served on several Boards with the nominee and has always been impressed with his ability to communicate with people. He stated ROCKEFELLER has a genius for administrative work and is extremely thorough and devoted to any task he undertakes.

HOUGHTON advised he knows both HAPPY ROCKEFELLER, the nominee's wife, and the nominee's former wife, MARY TODD. HOUGHTON stated he considers both to be outstanding individuals.

HOUGHTON advised he knows of no derogatory information regarding the nominee and would highly recommend him, without reservation, for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago b6 b7C
Date: 8/27/74

Field Office File #: 161-2939 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Associates, Chicago, advised nominee of impeccable character, loyalty, associates, habits and reputation. Further characterized ROCKEFELLER as good administrator, well qualified and endorsed for Vice-Presidency of the U.S.

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Associates

ROBERT WILLIAM GALVIN
Motorola, Incorporated
5725 East River Road
Chicago, Illinois

On August 27, 1974, Mr. GALVIN, Chairman of the Board, Motorola, Incorporated, O'Hare Plaza, supra, advised he has known the nominee on a professional and very limited social basis for the past year or so as a fellow member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB). GALVIN stated he knows ROCKEFELLER in the political arena and by reputation at least 15 years and described him as an unquestionably loyal patriotic person of great moral character,

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associates and habits. He related the nominee is very humane, intelligent, articulate, unbiased, religiously as well as racially, and an excellent selection for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. GALVIN characterized ROCKEFELLER further as a good administrator, industrious and tenacious. He said he does not belong to any exclusionary organizations and is well qualified for the nomination. GALVIN stated ROCKEFELLER enjoys an outstanding professional and personal reputation and since he knows of "no negatives" would unhesitantly endorse ROCKEFELLER for the nomination of Vice-President of the United States.

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ROBERT DOUGLAS STUART, Jr.
Quaker Oats and Company
345 Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois

On August 27, 1974, Mr. STUART, President and Chief Executive Officer, supra, advised he has known the nominee "off and on" through the Republican Party associations at least 15 years. He described ROCKEFELLER as a "great American", who had been a great Governor for many years of the second largest state in the union and who is of impeccable character, integrity, reputation and morals. STUART advised the nominee exemplifies good judgment, is unbiased, tactful in all matters and is an excellent selection for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. STUART related further he knows of no excessive habits or questionable groups or organizations to which the nominee might belong and would without reservation endorse ROCKEFELLER for the nomination of Vice-President of the United States.

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Date: August 27, 1974

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Field Office File #: 161-1373

Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title:

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Attorney [redacted] recommends.

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DETAILS:

MISCELLANEOUS

On August 26, 1974, Attorney [redacted] of Fried, Frank, Harris, Scriber, and Jacobson, of New York City, N.Y., was contacted at Host Farms Motel, Lancaster, Pa., and advised that his firm handled some legal work for the nominee and that he only was involved in a small portion of the work and was not personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. [redacted] stated that, based on Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S reputation, he would recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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Report of: SA EDGAR C. FOREST
Date: AUGUST 27, 1974

Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #: NH 161-1751

Bureau File #:

Title:

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Mr. [redacted], Old Lyme, Ct., a Trustee for certain private family trusts set up by JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, II, advised he has had limited contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years. He believes nominee has sensitivity to needs of U. S. Mr. [redacted] noted nothing detrimental to nomination and advised, "I am happy with the nomination". b6 b7C

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BUSINESS LEADER

Mr. [redacted], Old Lyme, Connecticut, advised that he had been active in international finance until his retirement four years ago. He noted that one of the nominee's sisters-in-law was a bridesmaid for Mrs. [redacted]. For about 20 years, Mr. [redacted] has been one of five Trustees for certain private family trusts set up by JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, II, for his children and grandchildren. He said that over the years he has had limited contact with Governor ROCKEFELLER and has always found him to be friendly, personable and sincere. He said that in early years particularly, the nominee was the most gregarious of the ROCKEFELLER family. He said that whereas at one time he wondered if the nominee was shallow in his thinking and concerned primarily with being popular, he subsequently realized the nominee is a man of perception and wisdom. He said this was specifically illustrated to him in 1968 when the nominee was among the first to see the dangers of pollution, and in 1970 when the nominee expressed shrewd judgement with respect to certain investment choices. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated that he believes the nominee has a sensitivity to the needs of the United States and, therefore, would be of value to the present Administration. He said that, on the basis of his contact with nominee and his knowledge of the ROCKEFELLER family, he knows of nothing which might be considered detrimental to Governor ROCKEFELLER's nomination. He said, "I am happy with the nomination". b6 b7C

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Newark, New Jersey b6 b7C
Date: 8/27/74

Field Office File #: 161-2191 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: RICHARD B. SELLARS, Chairman of the Board, Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Dr. WILLIAM O. BAKER, President, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., Murray Hill, New Jersey, both recommend ROCKEFELLER as outstanding choice for Vice Presidential appointment.

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RICHARD B. SELLARS
Chairman of the Board
Johnson and Johnson
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Mr. SELLARS advised Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C on August 26, 1974, that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for 15 years since SELLARS occupied the post of Treasurer for the Republican National Committee in the 1960s. Mr. SELLARS believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER eminently qualified to fill the post of Vice President and compliments President FORD on his selection of the nominee. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER dedicated, capable, and a skillful administrator, who has clearly established himself in politics and in the administration of New York State affairs as Governor. He considers him unusually knowledgeable in international affairs, particularly relating to South America. Mr. SELLARS further advised that the FORD-ROCKEFELLER team affords the opportunity for new prospectives and approaches. Mr. SELLARS advised that he knows most of the ROCKEFELLER family, including DAVID ROCKEFELLER, and has a high regard for the entire family. He believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding choice for the Vice President post.

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Dr. WILLIAM O. BAKER, President, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., 600 Mountain Avenue, Murray Hill, New Jersey, on August 26, 1974, advised that he has known the nominee for some fourteen (14) years and as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board since approximately 1970 or 1971, has worked with him extensively.

Nominee exhibits statesmanship and clear understanding of hazards by possible hostile forces in international affairs, is non-extremist in his views, is clear, stable and has superb balance in his analysis of such affairs.

Dr. BAKER considers ROCKEFELLER to possess the highest patriotism and dedication to the United States. His depth of study (of) future choices of this country in disposition of its resources and in all matters pertaining to our nation's welfare is tremendous. ROCKEFELLER is exceedingly discreet, knowledgeable, and capable in his handling of delicate national and international matters.

Dr. BAKER considers ROCKEFELLER to possess the highest credentials for the nomination of Vice President in these troubled times and so recommends.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MINNEAPOLIS	BUREAU	8/27/74	3/27/69-8/22-26/74

TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: jmf b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to WFO, 8/21/74, New York teletype to Bureau, 8/23/74, Minneapolis teletype to Bureau, 8/27/74, and Minneapolis report of SAC RICHARD G. HELD, 3/28/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigative period includes interview of HAROLD LEVANDER, Governor, State of Minnesota, March 27, 1969. This interview is incorporated into captioned report.

Referenced Minneapolis teletype to the Bureau sets out lead for Boston Division to interview ALEX J. MC FARLAND, Attorney with law firm of Herrick, Smith, Donald and Farley, Boston, Massachusetts.

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CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐YES ☐NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐YES ☐NO

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Report of: [redacted] Office: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA b6 b7C
Date: August 27, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-510 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: HAROLD LEVANDER, former Republican Governor of Minnesota, interviewed and describes nominee as possessing outstanding ability as governmental administrator and organizer. He has penetrating knowledge of domestic and foreign affairs and should be of great assistance to the President. Nothing derogatory developed. JOHN S. PILLSBURY, JR., Chairman, Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, acquainted with ROCKEFELLER 10 to 12 years. JAMES P. MC FARLAND, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, General Mills, Incorporated, has been acquainted with ROCKEFELLER since 1929. Above advised ROCKEFELLER's integrity, character and interest in the welfare of the United States are of the highest degree. Both feel he is the best nominee available in the United States. CHARLES H. BELL, Chairman, Executive Committee (retired), General Mills, Incorporated, met ROCKEFELLER on one occasion in 1968, Minneapolis, Minnesota. To his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty and administrative ability are unquestionable. On March 27, 1969, Governor HAROLD LEVANDER, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised he had been acquainted with the nominee close to ten years. Stated character, loyalty and ability of the highest and he would have no hesitancy in recommending him for a position of trust.

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DETAILS:

Acquaintances

On August 22, 1974, Mr. HAROLD LEVANDER, Attorney, South

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St. Paul, Minnesota, and former Republican Governor of the State of Minnesota, was interviewed. He advised as follows:

He has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a close personal basis for the past fifteen years. They met while both attended various governors' meetings and conferences. Since then he has been a guest in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's home.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER displays unusual knowledge of problems in government, and it is easily apparent that nominee is an outstanding administrator and organizer. He has traveled widely throughout the world and the United States. He has organized a highly competent staff which assembles pertinent information for him concerning both foreign and domestic affairs. Mr. ROCKEFELLER possesses a unique organizational ability in that he is able to utilize this information in a most competent fashion.

Mr. LEVANDER described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as being a humble person, and even though he possesses great wealth is neither boastful nor ostentatious. He treats subordinates in a considerate fashion and is comfortable with people from any walk of life or any race.

Mr. LEVANDER pointed out that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is his first choice for Vice President of the United States, and therefore he sent a telegram to the President urging him to nominate Mr. ROCKEFELLER for this position.

Mr. LEVANDER knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and believes him to be a person of outstanding loyalty, reputation and character. Due to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's remarkable abilities, Mr. LEVANDER feels he should be of great assistance to the President.

JOHN S. PILLSBURY, JR., Chairman, Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, 20 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted on August 26, 1974, at which time he advised he has been acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for 10 to 12 years. His contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER has been mostly through Republican political activities and social functions. In 1968, PILLSBURY was elected as an alternate delegate to the Republican Convention held in Miami, Florida, where he spoke with ROCKEFELLER. He has always considered ROCKEFELLER an extremely efficient administrator and is very pleased that ROCKEFELLER has received the nomination to be Vice President of the United States.

He considers ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty and interest in the welfare of the United States to be of the highest degree and has no question as to his administrative ability.

JAMES P. MC FARLAND, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, General Mills, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted on August 26, 1974, at which time he advised he first became acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER in the Fall of 1929 at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, where Mr. ROCKEFELLER was a senior and he was a freshman. MC FARLAND's older brother, ALEX J. MC FARLAND, was a classmate of Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S.

Since that time, his association with Mr. ROCKEFELLER has been through political activities and business and civic enterprises. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to have great integrity, great character, and a great interest in the welfare of the United States. He feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER truly wants to do what he can to make America great. Mr. ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability is superb and he has an exceptional ability to choose individuals for his various business and political staffs of the highest degree of ability. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background to be excellent and considers him to be an excellent nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

CHARLES H. BELL, Chairman, Executive Committee (retired), General Mills, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted on August 26, 1974, at which time he advised he has only met Mr. ROCKEFELLER in 1968 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at a Republican Party function. To his knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty and administrative ability are unquestionable.

The following is the result of an interview with HAROLD LEVANDER then Governor of the State of Minnesota, on March 27, 1969, regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Governor HAROLD LEVANDER was personally contacted on March 27, 1969, at his office. He advised that he had had a close personal relationship with Governor ROCKEFELLER for close to ten years. He stated that the nominee had been a representative at many local, state, and national conventions and that he, LEVANDER, had served with him on most of these committees. He added that he had also worked very closely with Governor ROCKEFELLER the past

few years on the National Governors Conferences and as a result had grown to consider him a man of great integrity whose only interest, other than his family, was the welfare and future of his country.

Governor LEVANDER advised that as a result of their close association both he and his wife had stayed at the Governor's Mansion in Albany, New York, on many occasions and had grown to consider the nominee and his wife, HAPPY, as two of their closest friends. He added that he considered Governor ROCKEFELLER to be one of the most capable individuals in the United States today and a man in whom he would have no hesitancy in recommending for any position of trust. He concluded by stating that he felt honored and proud that the Governor had listed him as a reference.

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Report of:	DONALD W. KUNO	Office:	SAN FRANCISCO
Date:	August 27, 1974		
Field Office File #:	161-2450	Bureau File #:	161-6197
Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER		
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY		

Synopsis:

DAVID PACKARD, Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California, recommends ROCKEFELLER and stated ROCKEFELLER has his strong and unqualified support.

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DETAILS:

AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA:

Business Leader

On August 26, 1974, Mr. DAVID PACKARD, President, Hewlett-Packard Company, 1501 Page Mill Road, stated he had known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for 15 years or since Mr. ROCKEFELLER became Governor of the State of New York. They attended several meetings in Washington, D.C., prior to 1972 when Mr. PACKARD was Deputy Secretary of the Defense Department. Mr. PACKARD described ROCKEFELLER as a man who was loyal, capable, responsible, and a man of unquestioned integrity, character and associates. He stated that ROCKEFELLER was a strong supporter of a strong national defense and is an outstanding citizen. Mr. PACKARD stated that he was giving Mr. ROCKEFELLER his strong and unqualified support.

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Report of:	SA JOHN R. HAWKEN	Office:	ST. LOUIS
Date:	August 27, 1974		
Field Office File #:	SL 161-3399	Bureau File #:	161-6197
Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER		
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY		

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Synopsis:

ROCKEFELLER employed by United States Commercial Company, Washington, D. C.; terminated by resignation. Employed by State Department, Washington, D. C., two occasions; terminated by resignations. Employed by Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Albany, New York; terminated by reason of expiration of term. CHARLES H. SOMMER, Monsanto Company, AUGUST A. BUSCH, JR. and AUGUST A. BUSCH, III, Anheuser Busch, St. Louis, Missouri, advised they are not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and only know of him by reputation. None were able to furnish information of an unfavorable nature concerning ROCKEFELLER.

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DETAILS:

National Personnel Records Center (Civilian), St. Louis, Missouri

On August 27, 1974, a review by Special Clerk [redacted] b6 b7C of the personnel records on file at the National Personnel Records Center (Civilian Personnel Records), 111 Winnebago Street, disclosed that NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Social Security Account Number 056-09-0954, was appointed on May 15, 1942 as a member of the Board of Directors of the United

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Commercial Company, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, at Washington, D. C. This appointment was terminated on June 22, 1942 by reason of resignation. The reason for resignation was not shown.

He was employed on December 20, 1944 by Presidential appointment as an Assistant Secretary of State with the Department of State, Office of the Assistant Secretary for American Republic Affairs, at Washington, D. C. This employment was terminated on August 25, 1945 by reason of resignation. The reason for resignation was not shown.

He was employed on November 24, 1950 by Presidential appointment as Chairman, on a per diem basis, when actually employed with the Department of State, Technical Cooperation Administration, International Development Advisory Board, at Washington, D. C. This employment was terminated on November 5, 1951 by reason of resignation. The reason for resignation was not shown.

He was employed on November 10, 1965 by Presidential appointment as a member, without compensation, with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations at Albany, New York. This employment was terminated on May 21, 1970 by reason of expiration of term of appointment.

His date of birth was shown as July 8, 1908, place not indicated.

Business Leaders of St. Louis Area

On August 26, 1974, Mr. CHARLES H. SOMMER, Chairman, Monsanto Company, 800 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis County, Missouri, advised that his knowledge of the ROCKEFELLER family is a result of his association over the past ten years with Mr. DAVID ROCKEFELLER, Chairman of the Chase - Manhattan Bank, New York City, New York. Mr. SOMMER said that he is well acquainted with DAVID ROCKEFELLER and noted that they traveled

together some nine years ago to attend a National Industrial Conference Board meeting that was held in Montevideo, Uruguay. He described DAVID ROCKEFELLER as an extremely ethical individual of unquestionable loyalty to the United States and who possesses the highest character, reputation, and associations.

Continuing, Mr. SOMMER stated that during the past five years he has been at gatherings at which NELSON ROCKEFELLER was also in attendance. On both of these occasions he shook hands with ROCKEFELLER. Mr. SOMMER said that this has been the only contact and/or association with the nominee. Mr. SOMMER was unable to recall exactly where or when these two gatherings took place but he did state that they were business-oriented meetings.

Outside of his two encounters with the nominee as related above, Mr. SOMMER advised that he knows of ROCKEFELLER only by reputation and through his brother, DAVID. In this regard, Mr. SOMMER related that he has heard many complimentary things as to the ability, character, reputation, associations, and loyalty of the nominee. He said he has never heard of any information of a derogatory nature concerning ROCKEFELLER and has no reason to believe that ROCKEFELLER would not qualify for the position of Vice-President of the United States.

On August 27, 1974, Mr. AUGUST A. BUSCH, JR., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Anheuser Busch, Incorporated, 721 Pestalozzi, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that possibly he had met NELSON ROCKEFELLER in the past but that if he had, he was unable to recall the circumstances. Mr. BUSCH said that his knowledge of NELSON ROCKEFELLER has been obtained through his acquaintanceship with ROCKEFELLER's late brother, WINTHROP, and through the news media. Mr. BUSCH said that he knows of absolutely nothing of an adverse or unfavorable nature concerning the loyalty, character, reputation, and associations of the nominee. He said that he feels NELSON ROCKEFELLER is a fine choice for the office of the Vice-Presidency of the United States.

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On August 27, 1974, Mr. AUGUST A. BUSCH, III, President, Anheuser Busch, Incorporated, advised that he has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He said that he only knows of ROCKEFELLER through what he has read and learned through the news media. He said that he neither knows nor has heard of anything that would reflect unfavorably upon the ability, character, reputation, associations, or loyalty of NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

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Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT L. BRANNON, JR. Office: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Date: 8/27/74

Field Office File #: 161-1124 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Business associates recommend the nominee.

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DETAILS:

The investigation at Meadville, Pa., was conducted by SA ROBERT L. BRANNON, JR.; and at Pittsburgh, Pa., by SA MICHAEL J. O'NEILL.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

On August 23, 1974, the Secretary to H. J. HEINZ, II, H. J. Heinz Co., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised Mr. HEINZ is presently in Johannesburg, South Africa, and not expected to return to Pittsburgh, Pa., until September 8, 1974.

On August 23, 1974, HENRY L. HILLMAN, The Hillman Company, Grant Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised he is casually acquainted with the nominee and considers him an excellent choice for Vice-President. Nominee has good judgment and ability in management affairs and Mr. HILLMAN can think of nothing in the nominee's background which in any way could be construed as derogatory. Mr. HILLMAN said that in his association with the nominee all of his activities with regard to business and finances have been entirely above board. He feels that the nominee did an excellent job as Governor of the State of New York, in managing what Mr. HILLMAN described as a State with extreme management difficulties. He said the nominee takes a stand and does not vacillate; that nominee is unquestionably a loyal American of the highest character, reputation and associations; and that nominee faces the facts and makes a decision. Mr. HILLMAN concluded that he would give the nominee the highest recommendation for the position as Vice-President.

On August 20, 1974, RAYMOND P. SHAFER, [redacted] b6 b7C Street, Meadville, Pa., advised he is a former Governor of Pennsylvania, and held that office from 1967 to 1971. Mr. SHAFER stated he has known the nominee for approximately ten years and considers the nominee of exemplary character. SHAFER stated nominee is honest, intelligent, sincere, energetic and absolutely trustworthy and reliable.

SHAFER stated nominee is completely dedicated to the public interest and has dedicated his entire life to public service. He also stated nominee is a man of great wealth, interested and concerned for the people. SHAFER considered

nominee one of the outstanding political leaders in the world today and believes the United States and the world needs more leaders with his ability and dedication. SHAFER advised nominee inspires trust, confidence and loyalty in other people and there is no question as to the nominee's loyalty to the United States. SHAFER also stated the nominee chooses his associates carefully from people of high ethical quality. SHAFER also advised the nominee is of good reputation. He stated he would highly recommend the nominee for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: INDIANAPOLIS b6 b7C
Date: August 27, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-955 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title:
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: RONALD H. TILLS, Republican Represenative, New York State Legislature, 528 Legislative Office Building, Albany, and 44 Union Street, Hamburg, New York, advised he was knowledgeable of ROCKEFELLER as Governor for the past five years when he served as a New York Representative. TILLS advised ROCKEFELLER was respected as a leader and organizer, but had heard criticism of his fiscal policies while Governor of New York.

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DETAILS: - POLITICAL ACQUAINTANCE -

RONALD H. TILLS, Republican Representative, New York State Legislature, business addresses 528 Legislative Office Building, Albany, New York, and 44 Union Street, Hamburg, New York, was interviewed on August 24, 1974, at the Lincoln Highway Holiday Inn, Mishawaka, Indiana.

TILLS advised he represented Southern Erie County, New York, and was in the South Bend, Indiana, area attending a planning conference concerning the Lake Erie Pollution Commission.

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TILLS advised he was acquainted with the activities of ROCKEFELLER who served as Governor of the State of New York during the past five years while TILLS acted in capacity as a New York Republican Representative. He stated he never had a close working relationship with ROCKEFELLER inasmuch as ROCKEFELLER isolated himself with his immediate staff members. TILLS indicated that it was rare when any politician other than an immediate staff member would confer with the then Governor.

ROCKEFELLER, in his capacity as Governor, generally conferred with his staff members. TILLS' comments relating to ROCKEFELLER are favorable, and he indicated that ROCKEFELLER is respected as a leader and an organizer. TILLS advised he had heard critical remarks concerning ROCKEFELLER in two areas; first, that ROCKEFELLER was unable to cut State spending and stop tax increases, and, second, many of TILLS' constituents while he was Republican Representative resented ROCKEFELLER's vast wealth, stating that instead of "raising taxes, ROCKEFELLER should pay the bills himself."

TILLS stated he knew no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. He could recall no Governmental project or State contract which could be used unfavorably against ROCKEFELLER or the ROCKEFELLER name, indicating that ROCKEFELLER's personal isolation policy may have kept illegal contractors from association with him.

TILLS also indicated that most of the publicity and criticism surrounding ROCKEFELLER's marriage to Mrs. HAPPY ROCKEFELLER has subsided.

TILLS summarized the Vice Presidential nominee as an individual of education and capability whom he considered a careful and very qualified individual for any highly sensitive position in the Federal Government.

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Report of: VINCENT E. J. DRAIN Office: DALLAS
Date: 8/27/74

Field Office File #: 161-922 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Business leaders, Dallas, Texas, contacted, and all recommend ROCKEFELLER for Vice-President of the United States.

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BUSINESS LEADERS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On August 26, 1974, SAMMY WYLY, Chairman of the Board of Wyly Corporation, Dallas, advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER approximately ten years. He recommended ROCKEFELLER as being of excellent character, good morals, and a very capable individual. He stated he thought ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice-President of the United States.

On August 26, 1974, Mr. STANLEY MARCUS, Chairman of the Board, Neiman-Marcus, Dallas, was contacted and advised he would recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as to character, reputation, loyalty, and believed he would make an outstanding Vice-President for the United States.

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On August 27, 1974, Mr. HARVEY L. LAWRENCE, Chairman of the Board, Braniff Airways, Inc., Dallas, advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for approximately ten years and knew him professionally as well as socially, and recommended him as to character, reputation, loyalty, and a good American citizen. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for a position of Vice-President of the United States.

On August 27, 1974, Mr. RALPH B. ROGERS, Chairman of Board of Texas Industries, Inc., Dallas, advised he had known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for approximately eight years. He stated he, ROGERS, was asked by DAVID ROCKEFELLER, a New York banker to head up NELSON ROCKEFELLER campaign in Texas, in 1968, when NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER was seeking the nomination of the Republican ticket for President of the United States. During this period he traveled extensively with ROCKEFELLER and came to know him as a person of good character, morals, and reputation, and highly recommended him as Vice-President of the United States.

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Synopsis: Numerous individuals, including past and present state and local officials and judges, Federal, religious and business leaders, members of the news media, civil rights, union and political leaders and law enforcement officers were interviewed concerning NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. Most commented favorably and recommended. Some persons, including opposing politicians, objected to ROCKEFELLER'S nomination as Vice-President based upon party differences. Some indicated, since they did not want ROCKEFELLER as Governor, they do not want him as Vice-President. Others disliked his fiscal policies while he was Governor of New York and would not want to see these policies instituted on a Federal level. Information regarding indictment in November, 1973, of New York State Speaker of the Assembly PERRY B. DURYEA set forth. NYS Right To Life committee opposed nomination of ROCKEFELLER due to his support of permissive abortion. New York State Assemblyman JAMES MC CABE, Johnson City, NY made allegation regarding nominee's handling of the South Mall project; resulting investigation set forth. Information from records of NYS Court of Appeals, Albany, NY regarding suits instituted by Assemblyman HERBERT A. POSNER against Governor of New York (ROCKEFELLER) and other State officials set forth. Credit check; no record. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance advised tax information confidential under law, however, Commissioner stated ROCKEFELLER not delinquent in filing State income tax.

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DETAILS:

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INTERVIEWS OF STATE OFFICIALS, PAST AND PRESENT

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

Major General ALMERIN C. O'HARA, United States Army (retired), Commissioner of New York State Office of General Services, 41st Floor, Tower Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, who resides at [redacted], Loudonville, New York, advised he became acquainted with Governor ROCKEFELLER when the Governor appointed him to be the Military Chief of Staff and head of the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs in October, 1959. General O'HARA has been closely acquainted with the Governor on a business level since that time. In February, 1971, Governor ROCKEFELLER appointed O'HARA to Acting Commissioner of New York State Office of General Services and he later became the Commissioner. O'HARA also served (from June, 1973, until November, 1973) as Special Assistant to ROCKEFELLER's new Dangerous Drug Control Program, which consisted of hiring several district attorneys, probation officers, etc. General O'HARA is also serving as Special Assistant to New York State Governor MALCOLM WILSON as Director of New York State Emergency Fuel Office.

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General O'HARA stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER is by far the most qualified candidate for the position of Vice President of the United States and he is extremely pleased that President FORD nominated him. General O'HARA stated ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States is beyond question and his administrative abilities have been proven time and time again. ROCKEFELLER personally traveled with General O'HARA to Rochester, New York, in 1962 or 1963 to handle a major riot which was occurring at that time. After a fair and intelligent analysis, ROCKEFELLER concluded that the only alternative was to call out the National Guard to quickly quell the disturbance. ROCKEFELLER was decisive in this instance as he later proved to be in all major instances.

Other major New York State disturbances have occurred during ROCKEFELLER's tenure as Governor, such as the sanitation strike in New York City and ROCKEFELLER handled this disturbance but decided the National Guard was not necessary on that occasion.

During the Attica Prison revolt, General O'HARA and several other key, top ROCKEFELLER aides were in constant, minute by minute contact with ROCKEFELLER and although they

regret the end result of the prison revolt, they firmly stand behind every decision that ROCKEFELLER made at the time. ROCKEFELLER has always appointed top men to the various State official positions and then has allowed these men latitude with which to make their personal decisions. In the Attica Prison revolt, ROCKEFELLER stood by his convictions and supported the decisions of Director of Corrections RUSSELL OSWALD.

General O'HARA stated that ROCKEFELLER has extraordinary administrative abilities and has the capability to foresee in advance what problems might arise in the future and to take the necessary corrective action. A prime example of this occurred when ROCKEFELLER realized that the New York State system of higher education would be greatly deficient within ten years in terms of student output if remedial actions were not taken. ROCKEFELLER immediately established a large construction program and the State University of New York is now one of the finest and largest universities in the country.

General O'HARA feels ROCKEFELLER will be a figure of great strength to the national and international scene and will be the greatest asset President FORD could acquire. ROCKEFELLER has never discriminated against minority groups and in fact has attempted to increase the employment of such groups within his State administration. General O'HARA is not aware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER's morals, or associates and stated he would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974, at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

Mr. FRANK A. WALKLEY, Commissioner, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, advised he has known the nominee on a personal and professional basis since approximately 1965. During this period, he has known the nominee to be of excellent character and loyalty. He advised that he knows of nothing in the nominee's past positions which may serve to embarrass Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

He advised that the nominee has the ability to attract and assign capable people to his staff. He said the nominee is a man of his word and he respects this trait in Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

Commissioner WALKLEY stated that he was a Republican Assemblyman during the Attica difficulties. As Assemblyman, part of his district consisted of Attica, and he served in this district until being appointed Commissioner in July, of 1972.

During the Attica difficulties, he was thoroughly satisfied with the way the nominee's administration handled the operations at the prison. Commissioner WALKLEY stated that he was at the prison during the period involved and even though the nominee was not personally at the scene, he was capably and well represented by his staff. It is his feeling that this period of difficulty should not reflect derogatorily on the nominee. The Commissioner advised he would recommend the nominee for a high Federal administrative position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 24, 1974. b6 b7C

Attorney RICHARD LAWRENCE, a member of the Republican Party, and Chairman of the New York State Adirondack Park Agency (APA), who resides in Elizabethtown, New York, advised he was appointed by ROCKEFELLER, to the Chairmanship of the APA in September, 1971.

LAWRENCE advised that he has had numerous occasions to meet nominee. LAWRENCE advised that most of his contact was through ROCKEFELLER's secretary and legal counsel.

LAWRENCE stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be the most capable and dedicated public servant in the country, and an innovative administrator. He advised ROCKEFELLER had demonstrated outstanding ability in the choice of his staff and works with the staff effectively. Therefore, LAWRENCE said he would recommend the nominee most highly and without any reservation for the Vice Presidency.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

MELVIN H. OSTERMAN, JR., [redacted], Delmar, New York, Republican, advised that he was Assistant Counsel to former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER from 1961 to 1964, at which time he retired to enter private law practice. He said he returned to the Governor's staff in 1967 as Special Counsel - Employee Relations, and remained in this capacity until 1972, when he was designated as Director of Employee Relations. b6 b7C

He advised that all of his contacts with ROCKEFELLER have been of an official nature.

OSTERMAN stated that ROCKEFELLER is a truly remarkable innovator, who possesses the ability to get to the heart of a problem immediately after listening to a lengthy discussion. He said that ROCKEFELLER was always available to staff members and surrounded himself with competent people on whom he relied for advice and direction in the accomplishments of his legislative programs. He stated that ROCKEFELLER backed up his subordinates if he thought they were correct in their appraisal of situations and problems. He said that ROCKEFELLER is the type of administrator who is open to constructive suggestions and constantly devotes his drive and energies to programs which he feels are beneficial to the people.

OSTERMAN advised that he has no reason to question the character, morals, reputation, and loyalty of ROCKEFELLER and feels that President FORD has selected a person of irreproachable background and one who will be a definite asset to the FORD Administration.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Saratoga Springs. b6 b7C

NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN, Republican, [redacted] Avenue, New York, NewYork, was contacted at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs. Mr. GOLDSTEIN is the senior partner in the law firm of GOLDSTEIN, SHAMES and HYDE, 655 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. b6 b7C

Mr. GOLDSTEIN said that he was the Attorney General for the State of New York from 1943 until 1955 during the governorship of THOMAS E. DEWEY. He met ROCKEFELLER in 1949 at a dinner in New York City, honoring ALFRED E. SMITH, and they conversed at length concerning ROCKEFELLER'S interest in government, political affairs and in public office. Subsequently, they met at luncheons to discuss the above topics.

In early 1950, Lieutenant Governor FRANK C. MOORE told Mr. GOLDSTEIN he did not want to run again for the Lieutenant Governorship, but wanted to devote himself to public service. Realizing that MOORE was a top expert in state and local government affairs, Mr. GOLDSTEIN met with ROCKEFELLER and presented the idea of founding the "Government Affairs Foundation," to gather information from villages and small towns in New York State to develop beneficial programs. Mr. GOLDSTEIN suggested that the foundation utilize Mr. MOORE'S talents and suggested that MOORE serve as President of the Foundation, with ROCKEFELLER as Chairman, and GOLDSTEIN as unpaid counsel.

ROCKEFELLER liked the idea and told GOLDSTEIN to supply the format, and ROCKEFELLER would supply some of the funds and his brothers would also supply some. Mr. GOLDSTEIN said that about $100,000.00 a year ought to carry the operation and suggested that ROCKEFELLER'S various experts be encouraged to furnish advice. ROCKEFELLER agreed to this arrangement and supplied office space, and secretarial help. The foundation ran well into the 1950's.

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In 1952, President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, now deceased, offered ROCKEFELLER the position of Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. ROCKEFELLER consulted with Mr. GOLDSTEIN, who recommended he take the position. During the 1950's, Mr. GOLDSTEIN founded the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City and was attempting to raise funds for the College at a testimonial dinner planned by GOLDSTEIN for ROCKEFELLER. ROCKEFELLER anonymously donated $25,000.00 to the College.

Mr. GOLDSTEIN feels that ROCKEFELLER positively has no animosity toward anyone because of religion, race, or origin.

Continuing, Mr. GOLDSTEIN said that ROCKEFELLER remained an Under Secretary in Washington D. C. for three years, and in 1957, he consulted with Mr. GOLDSTEIN about running for Mayor of New York City. In 1958, he did encourage ROCKEFELLER to run for the Governorship in New York State, a successful candidacy.

Mr. GOLDSTEIN remained very friendly with ROCKEFELLER during the period of his governorship and regularly visited him in his New York City home. He is acquainted with ROCKEFELLER'S first wife, MARY, but is not as well acquainted with his present wife, "HAPPY." Since the divorce from his wife, MARY, there has not been close social contact.

Mr. GOLDSTEIN feels that there is no one he knows who has a strong interest in good government and a commitment for helping others who can compare to ROCKEFELLER. His loyalty to the United States is positively without question. He knows of nothing derogatory concerning him. He feels ROCKEFELLER has an excellent character and his associates are above reproach. He has high regard for ROCKEFELLER'S administrative and executive abilities, and thinks that ROCKEFELLER is the best possible choice for Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

General THEODORE W. PARKER, Loudonville, New York, advised that he worked for the nominee during 1955-1956 in Washington, D. C., while Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Special Assistant to the President.

General PARKER advised that he retired from the United States Army as a General approximately five years ago and following his retirement was appointed Commissioner of Transportation, State of New York, by the nominee and served in that capacity for approximately three years.

He advised the nominee is a man of excellent character, loyalty and associations.

General PARKER stated that one of the best qualities of the nominee is his ability to pick qualified individuals for positions for his staff. He considers the nominee to be highly qualified as an administrator and would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal administrative position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. PAUL D. MC CANN, retired, former Deputy Director, New York State Identification and Intelligence System, residing at [redacted], Albany, New York, stated that during his tenure with the State of New York, he had limited contact with former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER in various conferences and that during 1966 when Mr. ROCKEFELLER was holding his town meetings he had travelled with the Governor and participated in the meetings. b6 b7C

Mr. MC CANN stated that the Governor is one of the most knowledgeable men regarding government that he has ever known. He stated that during the town meetings, the Governor was asked many and varied questions regarding the State Government and he was always able to expound on these. He stated the nominee never lost his composure during these meetings, even though much pressure was applied, at times. Mr. MC CANN further stated that the nominee never appeared to grow tired or lose his enthusiasm although these meetings were long and tiring.

Mr. MC CANN stated that during these meetings and travels, he never heard the nominee make an unkind remark against anyone or any group. Further, he never knew the nominee to say or do anything that would reflect unfavorably upon his character, reputation or morals.

Mr. MC CANN stated his personal opinion is that the nominee is a man of integrity, with exceptional talents in dealing with people and government and feels he is an excellent choice to be Vice-President of the United States and would highly recommend him for this position.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RENE J. DUMAINE on August 26, 1974, at Albany, New York:

Major DONALD J. GUIRY, New York State Police, no political affiliation, advised he is presently the Officer in Charge of the New York State Governor's Bodyguard Detail and has been so assigned since December, 1970. He advised that as a Senior Investigator he was responsible for the advance security work for NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S state election campaign in 1966 and was assigned a twelve county area. In 1968 he also did the advance security work for NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S presidential campaign. In September, 1969, he was assigned full time to the Governor's Bodyguard Detail as second in command to Major EDWARD GALVIN, New York State Police (now retired).

Major GUIRY advised that he is responsible for the security of the Governor of New York State wherever he travels. However, the Governor's security in New York City is handled by men under Major GUIRY'S command and on occasion he has handled the security there personally.

Major GUIRY advised that he had travelled with NELSON ROCKEFELLER from September, 1969 until the Governor resigned, on a 24 hour basis. In these travels he has been throughout the entire United States, South America, Europe, Israel and other countries. During almost all of his travels with Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Major GUIRY'S living expenses were paid by the Governor and not New York State. The occasions when ROCKEFELLER did not pay his expenses were on several campaign trips throughout New York State where their expenses would be paid by the Republican State Committee or the various Republican leaders in the county or area where they were campaigning. He has read in newspaper articles concerning excessive campaign expenses; however, he has no personal knowledge of this and in fact is of the strong opinion that any monies expended by Mr. ROCKEFELLER during campaigns would fall within the limits of the law.

Major GUIRY described ROCKEFELLER as a man of great individual personal charm and a gentleman at all times and under all situations. He has heard from time to time of vicious unfounded rumors to the effect that ROCKEFELLER could be classified as a "ladies man". Major GUIRY labeled these rumors as completely

erroneous based on his own close association with ROCKEFELLER and noted that on hundreds of occasions he has personally "locked NELSON ROCKEFELLER in his hotel room" and knew that he was in the room alone. Major GUIRY said that he has absolutely no reason to place any foundation in any such gossip.

Major GUIRY stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an individual of strong personal courage and has on many occasions gone through with appearances, speeches, etcetera, when there has been a threat of possible physical harm. He classified Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an individual who "would not back down from anybody". Major GUIRY said that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has a great feeling for people, has compassion for the underprivileged, and has a great desire to meet with people and discuss matters with them.

Major GUIRY went on to say that during his time with Mr. ROCKEFELLER he always treated Major GUIRY as a gentleman and said that he can recite numerous instances where Mr. ROCKEFELLER went out of his way to insure that the men assigned to the bodyguard detail were comfortable and were well cared for.

Major GUIRY considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a dedicated individual who was brought up in and interested in public service. He considers him to be a philanthropist, a "down-to-earth" person and very thoughtful and considerate of others. In summary, Major GUIRY advised that he classifies Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a "man's man" of impeccable character, unquestionable loyalty to the United States and its principles, whom he would highly recommend for the position of Vice President of the United States.

Major GUIRY advised that he has also been closely associated with all members of Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S family and considers them to be individuals above reproach.

JOSEPH T. BLAIR, no political affiliation, Senior Investigator, New York State Police, advised that he has been permanently assigned as the second in command of the Governor of New York Bodyguard Detail since December, 1970. He is assigned in Albany and travels with the Governor everywhere except New York City. He advised that during this time he has been associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a close personal 24-hour-a-day basis and that to his knowledge Mr. ROCKEFELLER has never engaged in any conduct that could be considered improper by any standards. During his travels, with rare exception, his

personal expenses were paid by Mr. ROCKEFELLER. On occasion during campaigns the funds were made available by the various Republican committees into whose territories the Governor campaigned. He said that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an individual of impeccable character and unquestionable loyalty to the United States. He went on to say that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER a gentleman in every sense of the word and has a great deal of respect for him. BLAIR stated that there is no question in his mind that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is qualified for and can capably handle the office of Vice President of the United States. He stated that he has absolutely no hesitancy in recommending Mr. ROCKEFELLER for this position.

Mr. EDWARD M. GALVIN, no political affiliation, advised that he retired from the New York State Police with the rank of Major in December, 1970. During his career, he was in charge of the New York State Governor's Bodyguard Detail from 1945 until his retirement. He is well acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER since he was associated with him on a 24-hour basis for approximately 12 years, and has traveled with him throughout the United States and overseas. During this time he also became well acquainted with members of the Governor's family.

He was with the Governor during all political campaigns and during these times, never heard anything out of the ordinary concerning the Governor's campaign expenses. During the course of his travels with the Governor and his family, on a private basis, the Governor would pay for all of GALVIN's expenses out of his own pocket. Also during the campaign trips, GALVIN's hotel or motel room expense would be handled, however, he is not aware as to actually who paid the bills, Mr. ROCKEFELLER or the Republican Party.

Mr. GALVIN went on to say that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a very outgoing person with considerable charm and/or charisma. During his tenure with ROCKEFELLER he was never aware of any hint of personal scandal and said he would have been the individual to investigate any rumors of any personal misconduct on the part of Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He said that the Governor's divorce was handled amicably and that the dissolution of the marriage was by mutual consent.

GALVIN also advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a very considerate and appreciative person, who is very much at home meeting with people and discussing matters with them. In summary, Mr. GALVIN advised that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an individual of outstanding character, and unquestionable loyalty to the the United States. He said that he could offer nothing but praise for Mr. ROCKEFELLER and would highly recommend him to be the Vice President of the United States. Mr. GALVIN also advised that he considers all members of ROCKEFELLER's family to be above reproach.

Captain [redacted], Republican, Troop G, New York State Police, advised that he was assigned to the New York State Governor's Body-guard Detail, full time from 1966 to 1969, during which time he was closely associated with NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a 24-hour basis and has traveled with him throughout the United States and Latin America. He said during that time he never heard anything detrimental to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal character, and never observed him committing any indiscreet actions. In fact, Captain [redacted] characterized ROCKEFELLER as an absolute gentleman, of great personal charm and magnetism. He stated that ROCKEFELLER was extremely courteous and considerate of other people, even going to extremes to make sure that the individuals accompanying the Governor were well accommodated for. b6 b7C

He said he would classify Mr. ROCKEFELLER as being of excellent moral character, highly intelligent, well qualified in his political endeavors, and of unquestioned loyalty to the United States. Captain [redacted] stated that he would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be the Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] advised that he is also acquainted with all the other members of ROCKEFELLER's family and considers them to be outstanding individuals. b6 b7C

Senior Investigator TONY HOAGKAMP, Democrat, Troop G, New York State Police, advised that he has been associated with the New York State Governor's Body-guard Detail since 1963 and supplements the Regular detail when the Governor is in the Troop G area.

HOAGKAMP advised that in all his years of association with ROCKEFELLER, he has never heard any rumor or observed any indication which would reflect adversely on the Governor's relationship with his wife. He said that he believes ROCKEFELLER to be one of the finest men he has ever met and that he holds him in the highest esteem. HOAGKAMP knows from conversation with other individuals who work with ROCKEFELLER that they also have the highest regard for him. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be an intelligent, excellent speaker and has been with him on many occasions when the Governor has debated with various militant groups, which ROCKEFELLER handled in an outstanding manner, both in presenting his views and combating the views of the other groups. He said that he has never had any reason whatsoever to doubt ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States nor has he ever heard anyone make any adverse comment about ROCKEFELLER's loyalty. HOAGKAMP advised that in his personal opinion, he thinks ROCKEFELLER will make an outstanding Vice President of the United States.

HOAGKAMP further advised that he is acquainted with all the members of ROCKEFELLER's family and considers them to be of the highest caliber.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

[redacted], Republican, Special Assistant to the Speaker for the New York State Assembly, Albany, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for approximately ten years on a professional level and also casually on a social level. He advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER has what he considers excellent character and loyalty to the United States. During his association with ROCKEFELLER he observed him to act only in the best interests of his constituents. As far as ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability is concerned, [redacted] stated he would consider him to be the most outstanding choice in the country and bases this on his 15 years of public service in the State of New York. [redacted] stated that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER's wife to be a "perfect lady". [redacted] concluded that he would wholeheartedly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States and again stated that he considers him to be the most qualified person in the country for that position. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

MARTIN S. AUER, Republican, Senator, State of New York, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally for the last ten years, both on a professional and social basis. He advised that when he first became acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER he, AUER, was a State Assemblyman from 1959 to 1966 and from 1969 to 1973, he was a Republican County Chairman.

Over this period, he has had several private talks with ROCKEFELLER on various legislative matters and feels that he is fully qualified to handle the position for which he was nominated.

Senator AUER advised that he has the highest respect for NELSON ROCKEFELLER and considers him to be a brillant man in handling government affairs, both domestically and internationally.

Senator AUER advised that ROCKEFELLER has excellent rapport with minority groups and has their interests at heart. Senator AUER advised that he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position for which he is nominated.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

JAMES H. DONOVAN, Republican, New York State Senator, State Office Building, Utica, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately eight years. He considers him to be of excellent, unimpeachable character and morally and ethically above reproach. He described nominee as a strong and true humanitarian. He advised that he considers nominee to possess a "strong backbone on important issues." He personally has dealt with the nominee on legislative issues and has never known him to make a false or misleading statement. Senator DONOVAN added that nominee's loyalty cannot be questioned and that there is no better qualified individual for the position of Vice President. He added ROCKEFELLER'S associates, as far as he, Senator DONOVAN, is aware, are all of fine caliber. Senator DONOVAN described nominee as a superb administrator. He concluded by saying that there is no better man for the position of Vice President than NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 24, 1974: b6 b7C

LEONARD F. BERSANI, Republican Assemblyman for the 118th Assembly District, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally for the last six years. He advised that he has never had any personal conferences with ROCKEFELLER; however, he has had sessions of a group nature with him on legislative matters. Mr. BERSANI advised that he knows of nothing derogatory whatsoever regarding the nominee and feels he is fully qualified in every way, shape and form to handle the position of Vice President. He advised that he highly recommends him for the position for which he has been nominated.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Utica, New York. b6 b7C

NICHOLAS J. CALOGERO, a Republican New York State Assemblyman representing the 116th District, advised he is acquainted with the nominee, having dealt with him during the last year of the nominee's tenure as Governor of New York State. CALOGERO noted he does not know the nominee well, but considers him to be an intelligent and very able politician and administrator. CALOGERO stated the nominee has an excellent reputation for loyalty and dedication to the public service and as an astute politician.

CALOGERO stated the nominee is an extremely tough politician who will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted], on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

CHARLES D. COOK, Republican Assemblyman, New York State Legislature, Delhi, New York, advised he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a man of integrity and honesty. He considers himself somewhat politically aligned with ROCKEFELLER's views. He advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER and considers him to be a loyal American. He believes that he will make an excellent Vice President, based on the reputation acquired over the years.

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CONSTANCE E. COOK, Republican, New York State Assemblywoman representing Tompkins, Seneca and Yates Counties, who is vacationing in Canada, contacted the Albany Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 26, 1974, and spoke with Special Agent FREDERICK J. LONERGAN. Ms. COOK stated she has known ROCKEFELLER since he first became Governor of New York State and would recommend him for any position of trust with the Government. She described his character and reputation as being outstanding. She remarked that ROCKEFELLER, while Governor, had on occasion exhibited courage in taking stands with regard to unpopular issues such as Attica and abortion. In her mind she considers this to be to his credit.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 24, 1974, at Unadilla, New York: b6 b7C

PETER S. DOKUCHITZ, Republican, New York State Assemblyman, 113th District, advised that he has been a member of the New York State Legislature for one year. He advised that he has never met ROCKEFELLER and had not worked under his administration while he was Governor of New York State. Mr. DOKUCHITZ advised that his information concerning the nominee has come from the news media and he considers nominee to be a very capable and progressive leader. He stated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER'S administration as Governor of New York State greatly benefited New York State and he considers the nominee to be a great asset to the United States and feels that he will make an excellent Vice President.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

HYMAN M. MILLER, Republican, New York State Assemblyman, Fayetteville, New York, advised that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee. He advised that his only contact with the nominee has been in group sessions with other Assemblymen on legislative matters.

MILLER advised that he knows of nothing derogatory whatsoever regarding the nominee. He advised that in his mind, the nominee has all the qualifications necessary to fill the position for which he has been nominated, and it appears he will be an asset to the FORD Administration. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

Assemblyman THOMAS J. MURPHY, Republican, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known the nominee on a professional basis for the last four years as he represents the 121st Assembly District. He advised that his only contacts with the nominee have been in group sessions dealing with legislative matters, and although he has had limited contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, he feels that he is qualified to handle the position of Vice President.

MURPHY advised that he knows nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and has the highest respect for him. He further stated he is honored to recommend him for the position for which he has been nominated.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

WILLIAM R. SEARS, Assemblyman, Republican, 115th Assembly District, [redacted], Woodgate, New York, advised that he has known the nominee professionally for approximately nine years.

WILLIAM SEARS advised; however, that he believes that ROCKEFELLER has used "dirty tricks" in the past and made particular reference to a situation involving Speaker of the Assembly of New York State, PERRY B. DURYEA, Jr., Republican, First Assembly District. He advised that he honestly believes that an effort was made by NELSON ROCKEFELLER conspiring with others to destroy DURYEA as a possible nominee for the Governorship of New York State. He stated that he believes that NELSON ROCKEFELLER was in contact with Attorney General LOUIS LEFKOWITZ and arranged with LEFKOWITZ to have the Assistant District Attorney, SCOTTI of New York City, conduct an investigation into the possible violation of election laws on the part of DURYEA.

WILLIAM SEARS stated that ROCKEFELLER and LEFKOWITZ must have known that the election law involved under which DURYEA was investigated was considered unconstitutional. The investigation led to the indictment of DURYEA and destroyed him for the possible Governorship of the State of New York. The indictment was later dismissed, but not until the damage was done against DURYEA'S political reputation. He believes that ROCKEFELLER and LEFKOWITZ conspired together for the purpose of eliminating any rivalry to MALCOLM WILSON as a proposed nominee for the Governorship of the State of New York.

WILLIAM SEARS stated that if NELSON ROCKEFELLER and Attorney General LOUIS LEFKOWITZ were placed under oath, they would have to testify to the fact that such a conspiracy transpired against DURYEA.

WILLIAM SEARS stated that other than the information which is set forth above, he possesses no information that would in anyway impugn the character of NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He considers him to be capable as an administrator and certainly qualified for the position of Vice-President of

the United States. Regarding his loyalty, WILLIAM SEARS advised that he believes ROCKEFELLER to be extremely loyal to the Constitution of the United States. In referring to his associates, WILLIAM SEARS advised that as far as he knows, they are all of fine reputation.

He advised that he would recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice-President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21 and 22, 1974: b6 b7C

CLARK C. WEMPLE, Republican Assemblyman for the 107th Assembly District, State of New York, who resides on [redacted] Schenectady, New York, advised b6 b7C that he has known the nominee on a professional basis since about 1965. During this period, he has known the nominee to be of good character and to be a loyal American and an honest citizen. He stated that the nominee was very strict with his Administration concerning scandal, and that at the first breath of any scandal, he would initiate investigation. He has never known nor does he believe that the nominee would ever violate a law of the United States.

WEMPLE stated that the nominee has good administrative ability and is a very capable individual. He said that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a good, but tough, politician who knows how to use the political system and various management and leadership techniques to obtain his objectives. The nominee's managerial philosophy is to pick a good man for a position, and then let the man be accountable and responsible for future efforts with little day-to-day supervision over the area. WEMPLE stated that one area of disagreement with the nominee is his personal opinion that the nominee would, on occasion, spend money on a program which would sometimes lack soundness. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would often obtain funds for the program and then let those involved in the program use the funds as they deemed necessary.

On August 22, 1974, Mr. WEMPLE advised that his statement in the article entitled, "Area Leaders Agree Rockey has Expertise," which appeared in the "Schenectady Gazette" on August 21, 1974, is a true reflection of his views. This article said in part, "Schenectady Assemblyman CLARK C. WEMPLE, who Monday urged that ROCKEFELLER not be nominated, said the 'incompatibility' between President FORD and ROCKEFELLER 'is a concern to me, because their records in terms of spending are at opposite poles.' WEMPLE also said he has 'reservations as to whether Mr. ROCKEFELLER can adjust to sitting in the

rumble seat instead of the driver's seat. He has had just about anything he has ever wanted. He has always had his way, including today (the nomination)."

"He said a 'substantial adjustment will have to be made or ROCKEFELLER and KISSINGER will be the dominant forces in Washington. ROCKEFELLER is a compelling force; he's not given to taking 'no' for an answer."

"WEMPLE said, 'I wonder how he can mesh with President FORD in a secondary and subordinate position. He's not used to it."

"On the other hand, WEMPLE said, 'there has never been a breath of scandal involving Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Governor of New York, and that's quite a phenomenon."

"He said his opposition to the nomination of ROCKEFELLER 'is not a personal vendetta. I just feel the President could have made a wiser choice."

Mr. WEMPLE advised that he would recommend the nominee for a high administrative position but added that he would prefer another individual for the position of Vice President.

It is noted the "Schenectady Gazette" is a daily newspaper published in Schenectady, New York.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

RICHARD A. BROWN, [redacted], Bridgeport, New York, former Republican Assemblyman for the then 122nd Assembly District, advised that he knew the nominee while an Assemblyman from 1968 to 1973. He advised that he attended many meetings with the former Governor in his office. Although he feels that NELSON ROCKEFELLER was sometimes more progressive and leaned toward money spending more than he should, he feels that NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President would be good for the nation. He added that NELSON ROCKEFELLER's loyalty is above question, that he is a person of excellent moral character and that ROCKEFELLER's known associates enjoy a fine reputation. He advised that he would highly recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN BUCKLEY, former New York State Republican Assemblyman, 408 Lomond Place, New Hartford, New York advised that he had been in the Assembly for six years and was personally acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He advised further, he has been with him socially on several occasions visiting ROCKEFELLER'S home near Tarrytown, New York.

JOHN BUCKLEY stated he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be extremely able as a government administrator, very diligent in his work as well as being extremely persuasive in his approach to the Legislature. He believes that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is amazing in his mastery of detail on any one given problem. He personally has been in conversation with employees of the Governor's office who had daily and close contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He has never heard a word spoken by them which would be considered other than a compliment. All of the associates of the former Governor are of outstanding character as far as he could determine while he was an Assemblyman.

JOHN BUCKLEY advised that he highly recommends NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice-President.

[redacted] The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C on August 26, 1974, at Syracuse, New York:

GEORGE H. VAN LENGEN, former Secretary of New York State Assembly, 1965, and former Democratic Chairman for Onondaga County from 1962 to 1966, advised he has met the nominee on several occasions due to his position as Chairman of the Democratic Party for Onondaga County.

VAN LENGEN further advised that the nominee, in his opinion, is fully qualified to handle the position for which he was nominated. He further advised that he knows nothing derogatory regarding the nominee.

VAN LENGEN further advised that he highly recommends the nominee for the position of Vice President as he feels he is the best person qualified for the position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted], [redacted], New Hartford, New York, permanent residence in Englewood, Florida, advised that she has been casually acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER during his public life. She formerly was active in local politics in Oneida County, and was a Republican appointee on a commission to study public welfare. She made very favorable comments regarding ROCKEFELLER and advised that her impressions are partly based on the statements of [redacted], ALLEN DULLES, the former CIA Director. Her only reservation is that ROCKEFELLER had a reputation of being too extravagant a spender of the public tax dollar while Governor of New York. She feels that he is an extremely capable executive, and his broad range of public service makes him eminently qualified to serve as Vice President of the United States. She said that she would not allow his divorce to withhold her recommendation because that does not seem to be in the minds of many people as it once was. She said that she certainly knows of nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon his loyalty to the United States. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Saratoga, New York: b6 b7C

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, Chairman of the Board, New York Racing Commission, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER socially for the past twenty years, and he considers him to be a person of excellent character and associates. He said the nominee is a loyal American and he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning him.

[redacted], Steward, New York State Racing and Wagering Board, stated he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally for the past twelve years, and considers him an excellent choice as Vice President of the United States. He said ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding American of high integrity. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT V. DANIELS, Democrat, State Senator for Chittenden County, Burlington, Vermont, advised he has no personal knowledge of the nominee and cannot make any comments as to his character, associates, reputation or loyalty, or his administrative ability to function as Vice President of the United States.

DANIELS advised the only information he has on the nominee is from the news media, and because of this, he is unable to make any comments regarding the nominee.

CLARENCE G. LeCLAIR, Democrat, House of Representatives, District 1-4, Burlington, Vermont, and formerly (14 years) a Democratic member of the Board of Aldermen in Burlington, Vermont, advised he has no personal knowledge of the nominee and is unable to comment on his administrative ability or his ability to function as Vice President of the United States.

LeCLAIR stated the only information he has concerning the nominee is what he obtains from the news media, and he is not able to make any comments as to nominee's character, reputation or loyalty.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES C. MEE on August 26, 1974:

Mr. THOMAS CANDON, Democratic Minority Leader, Vermont State Legislature, Rutland, Vermont, advised while he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, he has no information indicating to him he would not make a satisfactory choice for Vice President of the United States. He said in his opinion the nominee is politically astute and a very able administrator, and he believes he would be a satisfactory Vice President.

Mrs. FLORENCE ROBILLARD, Democratic Representative from the City of Rutland, Vermont, to the Vermont State Legislature, stated in her opinion the nominee's appointment as Vice President was "cut and dried" long before the resignation of President NIXON. She stated; however, she believes the nominee has expertise in government administration and in particular with relations with South American countries. She further advised she has had no personal contact with the nominee and knows of no particular reason why he should not be considered for appointment as Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Montpelier, Vermont. b6 b7C

JOSEPH JAMELE, JR., Democrat, Secretary for Civil and Military Affairs for the State of Vermont, advised his only knowledge of ROCKEFELLER is from the news media, and although he knows nothing derogatory about him, he doesnot feel qualified to make any comment regarding ROCKEFELLER's acceptability for the position of Vice President.

ORESTES V. VALSANGIACOMO, Democrat, Representative to the Vermont House of Delegates from Barre, Vermont, advised he has no personal association with ROCKEFELLER, but regards ROCKEFELLER as a good choice for the position of Vice President, based on the impression he has formed of him as a result of information obtained from public sources.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EDWARD P. HOGAN on August 27, 1974:

CHARLES STOCKMEISTER, Democrat, Deputy Commissioner, New York State Civil Service Commission, advised he was a member of the New York State Legislature in the late 1940s and was defeated in 1950. STOCKMEISTER received an appointment to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board in Monroe County which position he held for several years. He is also retired from Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, where he was employed for over 30 years.

STOCKMEISTER related that he was again elected to the New York State Assembly from a District which was normally Republican, in the late 1950s and he served in the Legislature until 1969 when he was appointed to his present position as Deputy Commissioner, New York State Civil Service Commission, by the then Governor, NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

STOCKMEISTER related that while serving in the New York State Assembly he supported ANTHONY TRAVIA who was the Democratic Speaker of the Assembly and opposed STANLEY STEINGUT, a Democrat who was interested in becoming Speaker of the Assembly.

STOCKMEISTER stated that ANTHONY TRAVIA was appointed U.S. District Judge in the Southern District of New York in 1969, and that just prior to this appointment the Republican Party became the Majority Party in the New York State Assembly and as a result, STANLEY STEINGUT became the leader of the Minority Democratic Party in the Assembly.

According to STOCKMEISTER, STEINGUT remembered that STOCKMEISTER was a supporter of TRAVIA during his time in the Assembly and STEINGUT removed STOCKMEISTER from the important committees on which he was serving.

STOCKMEISTER stated that he realized that as long as STEINGUT was in control of the Democratic Minority in the Assembly he did not have any future as an Assemblyman. He stated that about that time a position as Deputy Commissioner in the Civil Service Commission was open. He advised that the Civil Service Commission is composed of two Republicans and one Democrat and since the opening was for a Democratic appointee to the Deputy Commissioner's position, he sought out the appointment.

STOCKMEISTER stated that he contacted various members of the Democratic Party and also members of the Republican Party in an effort to get this position. He added that the Republicans were very favorable toward him because they felt that if they gave him the appointment to the Deputy Commissionership, that a Republican could then be elected to the Assembly from his District in the Rochester, New York area.

STOCKMEISTER stated that when he received this appointment, EUGENE NICKERSON, who was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York State, accused him of selling out to ROCKEFELLER on the issue of the increase in New York Sales Tax. STOCKMEISTER stated that he did vote for the increase in the New York Sales Tax but did so only after consulting with the constituents in his District. He added that he and one other Democrat were the only ones who voted for the increase of the sales tax which passed in the Assembly 78 to 72.

STOCKMEISTER advised that ARNOLD PROSKIN, Albany County District Attorney at the time, investigated the charges made by EUGENE NICKERSON that he, STOCKMEISTER, sold out to ROCKEFELLER and that the District Attorney's investigation cleared STOCKMEISTER and ROCKEFELLER of any wrongdoing.

STOCKMEISTER stated that he knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER and has met him socially on several occasions but that he never met with ROCKEFELLER in the Governor's Office.

STOCKMEISTER exhibited a clipping from "The Times Union", an Albany County newspaper, dated February 27, 1970, in which ARNOLD PROSKIN, Albany County District Attorney, stated that the allegations against STOCKMEISTER were "baseless in fact and law".

STOCKMEISTER advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER an honorable gentleman who did a good job as Governor of New York State and that he thinks President FORD made an excellent choice in nominating ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

II.

INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, PAST AND PRESENT

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA RENE J. DUMAINE at Albany, New York, on August 26, 1974.

RICHARD J. CONNERS, Democrat, President of the Common Council, City of Albany, New York, advised that he is acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, having met him on several occasions at official and semi-official functions. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a gracious, "forthright" individual with a tremendous personality. He has never heard any hint of personal scandal surrounding ROCKEFELLER and considers him to be an individual of impeccable character. He advised that he has no reason to doubt Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States, and he personally believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would place the welfare of his country above any selfish or political considerations. He went on to say that although he is ideologically opposite Mr. ROCKEFELLER in his political views, he has no misgivings whatsoever about ROCKEFELLER's ability or qualifications. Accordingly, he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be eminently qualified for any high Government position and in all fairness feels that he must state Mr. ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN E. ROE, Democrat, Corporation Counsel for the City of Albany, New York, advised that he does not know ROCKEFELLER intimately, but has dealt with him since 1962 on a professional basis.

ROE advised even though his political philosophies may be different, he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American and dedicated to American democracy. ROE advised he could not recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States because he feels ROCKEFELLER, during his terms as Governor, did not sponsor sufficient legislation in consideration of the "little man". Also, he stated, he believes ROCKEFELLER is "too liberal" in his attitude toward fiscal policies, although he (ROE), did not furnish specifics.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974, at Rensselaerville, New York: b6 b7C

Mr. WILLIAM F. RICE, Democrat, Albany County Legislator and former Albany County Sheriff from January, 1962, to January, 1968, advised that during his tenure as Sheriff of Albany County, he had some contact with former Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated that although this contact was limited, he found him to be a person of excellent character and reputation.

Mr. RICE stated that ROCKEFELLER had always been impressive to him when performing the duties of Governor of New York State and although they were of different political faith, he feels that he did an outstanding job as Governor, even though he feels maybe ROCKEFELLER was somewhat overspent in some of his projects.

Mr. RICE stated he feels the nominee is an excellent choice for Vice-President and is hopeful that he will use his talent and ability to help the nation with some of the problems it is faced with today.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. KENNEDY, on August 22, 1974:

Mr. ALBERT J. EVANS, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County, Norwich, New York advised that he has known the nominee for 10-15 years through serving in a political office, and has met with him approximately twice each year. He considers the nominee to be a person above reproach, exceedingly capable, and a person who has always enjoyed a very favorable reputation throughout Chenango County.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

ARTHUR KEARNEY, [redacted], Saratoga Springs, New York, was contacted. He is a Democrat and currently Chairman of the Saratoga Springs Democratic Committee. He was Mayor of Saratoga Springs from 1964-1965, and has been remotely acquainted with ROCKEFELLER since that period, mainly through ceremonial functions. He feels that ROCKEFELLER is a capable administrator, and he has no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER's moral character or associates. KEARNEY feels that there is no question about his loyalty to the United States. KEARNEY said that politically he cannot agree with ROCKEFELLER's fiscal policies which he considers much "too liberal." He advised this in no way detracts from the excellent job he feels ROCKEFELLER will do as Vice President. b6 b7C

Mayor ROBERT CROMIN was contacted at City Hall in Glens Falls, New York. CROMIN is a Democrat who has been Mayor for about four years, and has been slightly acquainted with ROCKEFELLER during this time, primarily through ceremonial functions. He feels that ROCKEFELLER is a man of unquestionable integrity and loyalty to the United States. He has no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER's morals, character, or caliber of his associates. CROMIN feels that ROCKEFELLER is a very good choice for Vice President and that ROCKEFELLER is a competent administrator.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 at Union, New York: b6 b7C

ROBERT KROPP, [redacted], Johnson City, New York, Town of Union, New York, Supervisor and currently Democratic nominee for United States Congressman, 27th District, advised that he has met nominee on two occasions but feels that since he has no personal knowledge of nominee, he cannot comment on nominee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. However, Mr. KORPP stated that he considers nominee's administrative abilities as outstanding, but would not recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States since ROCKEFELLER is a Republican and KROPP is a Democrat. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

GUY LUCIANO, [redacted], Vestal, New York, Democratic nominee for Vestal Town Supervisor, advised that ROCKEFELLER'S character is of the highest, his loyalty excellent and his administrative abilities have proven him to be qualified for a high level governmental position. Mr. LUCIANO knows of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER and highly recommends him for a high Federal administrative position. b6 b7C

WILLIAM MULLEN, [redacted], Binghamton, New York, Democratic Broome County Legislator, advised that nominee's character is excellent, his loyalty is beyond reproach and the nominee's administrative abilities regarding public spending and administration of New York State policies have proven him to be an excellent administrator as well as politician. He stated he would highly recommend the nominee for a high Federal administrative position. b6 b7C

DONALD MC MANUS, [redacted], Endicott, New York, Democratic nominee for Broome County Legislature, advised that he cannot comment on ROCKEFELLER'S character, associations, reputation or loyalty since he has no personal knowledge of him. However, Mr. MC MANUS did state that while ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State, he had an extremely inflationary monetary policy and spent New York State money haphazardly. He advised that due to his financial position, he has no concept or knowledge of the common man. Mr. MC MANUS stated that due to ROCKEFELLER'S previous monetary policies and commitments, he cannot recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

JOSEPH SZOBODA, [redacted], Endwell, New York, 15th District, Democratic Broome County Legislator, advised that he cannot comment on nominee's character, reputation, associations or loyalty, since nominee is not personally known to him. Mr. SZOBODA stated that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER, however, he does not recommend him for the Vice Presidency since he has taken exception politically with various fiscal policies which occurred during ROCKEFELLER'S term of office as Governor. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 27, 1974, at Syracuse, New York: b6 b7C

NEIL P. MC CURN, Democrat, President of the Syracuse Common Council, advised that he has known the nominee personally for the last ten years. He advised that he first became acquainted with ROCKEFELLER when he, MC CURN, worked as an attorney for the New York Bar Association.

MC CURN advised that he has been President of the Syracuse Common Council for the last six years and was at one time a delegate to the 1967 New York State Constitutional Convention.

MC CURN advised that he knows nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and feels he is fully qualified to handle the position for which he is nominated.

MC CURN advised that he would recommend the nominee as he is the best choice of all the candidates being considered for the job.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

JOHN T. GARRY, II, Twin Towers Building, Albany, New York, a practicing attorney, advised that he was the Assistant Democratic District Attorney for Albany County from 1955 to 1958, and District Attorney for Albany County from 1958 to 1968. GARRY stated that most of his contact with the Governor's Office were through the Office of Legal Counsel. GARRY stated that at no time did ROCKEFELLER try to influence any of his investigations concerning New York State employees.

GARRY stated that he knows of no problems in ROCKEFELLER's private or public life which would prevent him from becoming Vice President. Mr. GARRY stated that he feels that President FORD has made an excellent choice in nominating ROCKEFELLER for Vice President.

GARRY stated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER did his best as Governor and is "his own man", and highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency.

GARRY stated he feels that ROCKEFELLER is of high moral character and a loyal American.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974 at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

Mr. EDWARD M. FISCHER, Democrat, [redacted] Street, advised he was Albany County, New York, Sheriff from January, 1968 to January, 1974 and is presently retired. He stated, as such, he had limited contact with former Governor ROCKEFELLER'S office and the Governor. b6 b7C

Mr. FISCHER stated that to his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER is a person of excellent character, reputation and reputed to be a very hardworking public official. He stated he has much respect for ROCKEFELLER and feels he will make a good Vice-President for the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

WILFRED FISHER, Democratic Mayor for the city of Barre, Vermont, advised he has no first-hand knowledge of ROCKEFELLER, but believes he is a good choice for Vice President, based on the reputation he has acquired in his many years of public service.

EDWARD HARTMAN, former County Chairman of the Democratic Party for the State of Vermont, advised he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER, and knows nothing regarding ROCKEFELLER'S qualifications which would preclude him from the position of Vice President. He advised, however, that he is opposed to ROCKEFELLER'S appointment inasmuch as ROCKEFELLER has been rejected by his own party in two attempts to attain the Presidential nomination and it does not seem appropriate to place him in a position whereby he might become President without a general election.

III

INTERVIEWS OF JUDGES

STATE

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 25, 1974, at Ithaca, New York: b6 b7C

FREDERICK B. BRYANT, Tompkins County, New York, Supreme Court Judge, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1959. Judge BRYANT stated at that time he served Tompkins County as Chairman of the Republican Party and met Mr. ROCKEFELLER for political reasons. He stated Tompkins County was the first county, to his knowledge, to endorse ROCKEFELLER for Governor when he initially ran for the office. Judge BRYANT advised since 1959 he has met ROCKEFELLER on numerous occasions in political meetings, both in and around Tompkins County and Albany, New York. Judge BRYANT described ROCKEFELLER as an individual of the highest integrity and an extremely capable administrator. Judge BRYANT stated he holds absolutely no reservation in recommending Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the appointed position of Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Schenectady, New York: b6 b7C

D. VINCENT CERRITO, New York State Supreme Court Judge, Republican, advised that he has known the nominee on a political and personal basis for many years. Judge CERRITO advised that he served as Assistant District Attorney and District Attorney of Schenectady County for 15 years before he was appointed to the New York State Supreme Court 9 years ago. Judge CERRITO advised he has no question at all concerning the nominee's character and loyalty.

Judge CERRITO advised that he considers the nominee to be an innovative and effective administrator with tremendous drive. During the period that he has known the nominee, he has never known Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be involved in any type of scandal. Judge CERRITO advised he would highly recommend the nominee for a high Federal administrative position.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

RICHARD N. DONOVAN, Supreme Court Judge, a member of the Republican Party, Fulton, New York, advised that he does not know the nominee other than what he has read about him in newspapers throughout his 15 years as Governor. Judge DONOVAN advised that he was elected as a Judge 17 years ago on the Republican Platform.

Judge DONOVAN further advised that he knows of nothing derogatory whatsoever regarding the nominee and considers him to be a reliable person with high integrity; however, due to his position he is not allowed to make any recommendation regarding ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. ROSS on August 26, 1974:

Judge ROBERT E. FISCHER, (Republican), New York State Supreme Court, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has known the nominee on a professional and personal basis for about ten years. Judge FISCHER advised that he was a Deputy Attorney General in the ROCKEFELLER Administration from 1970 - 1973, and as such had the opportunity to observe the nominee's direction of the Attica situation. He advised that ROCKEFELLER used standard accepted procedures in terribly confused situations. He advised that ROCKEFELLER had good intentions in trying to avert a serious problem and had to make several hard decisions. Judge FISCHER stated that no substantial criticism of the nominee would result from subsequent Grand Jury proceedings; however, possible public criticism of his actions may develop, even though unwarranted. Judge FISCHER is unaware of any derogatory information concerning the nominee. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a man of excellent character and a loyal American. He stated ROCKEFELLER should be able to serve competently as Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Honorable JAMES GIBSON, Republican, Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, Albany, New York, advised he has known the nominee on a personal and professional basis for approximately twelve years. Judge GIBSON advised that this relationship has existed since he was formerly presiding Judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, and formerly Judge of the Court of Appeals.

During this period he has known ROCKEFELLER to be of impeccable character and honesty. He said the nominee has shown a complete respect for justice and during the period there was no tinge of politics between the office of the Governor and the Judicial Branch of the Government. He advised the nominee is a completely loyal American.

Judge GIBSON advised that the only organization to which ROCKEFELLER might presently belong is a college fraternity at Dartmouth College.

Judge GIBSON advised that the nominee is an excellent administrator and he is honored to recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-695

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

The Honorable GUY A. GRAVES, Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, Albany, New York, advised he has known the nominee on a professional basis since approximately 1958. During this period he has known the nominee to be honest, capable, and loyal to the United States.

Judge GRAVES said that the nominee picked excellent people for his staff and had the ability of acquiring excellent experience in his Administration.

He advised that during the nominee's Administration, he believes there were few scandals, even though the nominee had a great deal of expenditures and raised what he believes was more funding than any other Governor.

Judge GRAVES advised he would recommend the nominee for a high Federal administrative position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD A. MC SHANE on August 21, 1974:

NORMAN L. HARVEY, Judge, New York State Supreme Court, Plattsburgh, New York, has met with the nominee about twice a year for the past 16 years in an official capacity. He believes him to be of strong moral character, and better than average loyalty. He does not feel that he, as an elected public official, should comment on anything other than ROCKEFELLER's personal traits, and he definitely would not comment on his qualifications, but said, "I know of nothing that would indicate to me that there is any reason not to confirm his nomination."

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

The Honorable T. PAUL KANE, Republican, Judge, Supreme Court of New York State, Cobleskill, New York, advised that he has never met Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the Supreme Court of New York State and that the appointment was a political one. He advised that he had been District Attorney of Schoharie County for approximately twelve years before becoming a Judge and during that time he had never seen any indication of wrongdoing by Mr. ROCKEFELLER, who was then Governor of New York State. He advised that it is his opinion that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character is above reproach, and his loyalty to the United States Government is beyond question. He recommended him highly for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The Honorable JOSEPH D. MOLINARI, Supreme Court of New York State, Oneonta, New York, advised that he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on three or four occasions. He advised that in his opinion Mr. ROCKEFELLER has done a great deal for humanity through the ROCKEFELLER Foundation, and through other organizations of a similar nature. He stated that although he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER personally, he feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's vast background in foreign relations and administrative ability, obtained through his years as Governor of New York State, will assist him as Vice President of the United States. He advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee and considers him to be a man of impeccable character.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

RICHARD F. KUHNEN, New York State Supreme Court Justice, Binghamton, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for many years in his capacity as a State and local judge. Judge KUHNEN is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a good choice as nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

ROBERT G. MAIN, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division Judge, at Malone, New York, advised he had served one term in the New York State Legislature while ROCKEFELLER was Governor and knew him quite well at that time and has maintained a less frequent contact since that time. Judge MAIN advised he is a great admirer of ROCKEFELLER and was one of the first in the New York State Legislature to support him when he first ran for Governor. Judge MAIN advised he feels nominee's character, reputation, and associates are all above reproach. Judge MAIN stated he is not acquainted with the nominee's personal friends, but has never known him to associate with any disreputable persons. He never met a more honest, and sincere man and he considers the nominee's integrity to be beyond question. Judge MAIN stated ROCKEFELLER appointed him to his current position in 1972. Judge MAIN stated he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a dedicated, highly qualified man who shows a sincere desire for and dedication to good Government, who wants to improve the State and Federal Government, and, therefore, he recommends the nominee without hesitation or qualification or reservation, for any high Federal position.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

Judge DONALD H. MEAD, New York State Supreme Court, Onondaga County, Syracuse, New York, advised he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER personally since the mid 1950's. He said at the time he, Judge MEAD, was Mayor of the City of Syracuse, New York, and when ROCKEFELLER became Governor in about 1959, the latter appointed Judge MEAD to the "Joint Committee to Revise the State Constitution." He said because of his membership on this committee, he met personally with Governor ROCKEFELLER on a weekly basis for a period of 6 to 8 months and got to know him very well. Judge MEAD advised further that since about 1960, his contacts with Mr. ROCKEFELLER have been mainly on an infrequent social basis. He stated that based upon these contacts with Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he considers him to be an extremely personable and genuine man with top administrative abilities. Judge MEAD further described the nominee as a man of excellent character and a loyal American citizen, about whom he knows nothing derogatory. He highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States, adding that no better choice could have been made.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN R. TENNEY, New York State Supreme Court Judge, [redacted], New Hartford, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for several years. He campaigned for the nominee in 1958, 1962 and 1966, and he attended the National Republican Party Conventions with NELSON ROCKEFELLER in 1964 and 1968. b6 b7C

Judge TENNEY advised that he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be a very loyal citizen of the United States and said there is no indication that he has other than the highest qualities of character. He considers him to be the most superior administrator he has ever seen in politics.

Judge TENNEY advised the only facet of NELSON ROCKEFELLER's position as Governor that he, Judge TENNEY, disliked was his allowance of having himself surrounded by some "old political hacks." Judge TENNEY said that the moral standards of these "political hacks" were unsuitable to him. He advised that they committed no indictable offenses but were known to "cut corners" in obtaining their objectives. Judge TENNEY was asked if he could be more specific in his comments and added that the only thing that he will say at this point is that NELSON ROCKEFELLER would do better without surrounding himself with "political hacks."

Judge TENNEY advised that he would recommend NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

LOCAL

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EDWARD A. MC SHANE, JR. on August 21, 1974:

ROBERT J. FEINBERG, registered Republican, Judge, Clinton County Court, Plattsburgh, New York, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for about twenty years. They know each other on a first name basis, and he has met with the nominee at least monthly for the last sixteen years. His greatest forte is his personality. He can enter a room full of people who are planning to distrust and oppose him and leave a room full of friends and supporters. He has incomparable charm and ability. He is "great" in foreign matters and in economic matters. He gets along marvelously with people of all stratas of life and employment and opinions. Judge FEINBERG fully and absolutely recommended nominee most highly for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

GEORGE W. MARTHEN, County Judge, Hamilton County, Lake Pleasant, New York, was contacted at his Wells, New York residence. He and [redacted], had been active in Republican politics in Nassau County, New York from 1959 until 1968 and they had met ROCKEFELLER professionally on several occasions during that period. In October, 1968, Judge MARTHEN served as the Director of Government Affairs on behalf of Associated Industries of New York State, a lobbying group for a manufacturer's association. As such he had regular dealings with the Assembly and Legislature at the State Capital in Albany. He maintained occasional professional contact with ROCKEFELLER during this period and Judge MARTHEN has been on Hamilton County Bench since 1971. Whereas Mr. MARTHEN, a conservative, differs with the liberal ROCKEFELLER approach, particularly regarding fiscal policies he has never questioned ROCKEFELLER's sincerity and believes that what ROCKEFELLER was trying to accomplish was the right thing as far as ROCKEFELLER was concerned. He highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency and feels that his moral character, loyalty to the United States, associates and administrative ability are all excellent. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Ithaca, New York: b6 b7C

Honorable JAMES J. CLYNES, City Court Judge, Ithaca, New York, a member of the Democratic Party, stated he has known the nominee since 1958. He advised he met ROCKEFELLER while he, Judge CLYNES, was employed as a trial lawyer at Saranac Lake, New York. He has met ROCKEFELLER several times since then at legislative and social functions. Judge CLYNES has a high regard for the nominee, considers him honest and straightforward, open and above-board on all his dealings. He believes ROCKEFELLER is a good nominee and will tend to bring the country together. He gives him a strong endorsement for the position of Vice President.

Judge CLYNES does not know the immediate members of the ROCKEFELLER family and declined to make any comment concerning them.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Albany, New York. b6 b7C

Judge THOMAS WILLIAM KEEGAN, Albany Police Court, a Democrat, stated that from his knowledge of ROCKEFELLER he feels he is of good character and morals. Judge KEEGAN believes that ROCKEFELLER is well qualified for the job as Vice President since he did an exceptional job as Governor of the State of New York. Judge KEEGAN stated that to his knowledge, the loyalty of ROCKEFELLER is beyond reproach and he recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

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IV

INTERVIEWS OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS

U.S. CONGRESSMAN

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Paul Smith New York. b6 b7C

OGDEN R. REID, United States Representative from New York, White Plains, New York, advised that he has been acquainted with the ROCKEFELLER family since boyhood. Representative REID advised he is acquainted with ROCKEFELLER on a professional and personal basis and knows of no questionable associates of ROCKEFELLER and considers ROCKEFELLER to be of excellent character and reputation.

Representative REID advised he considers ROCKEFELLER to be very strong in his loyalty and said he knows of no question concerning his integrity.

Representative REID advised he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent administrator, particularly as an originator and a pioneer in new areas and to be very strong in those areas on which he focuses his attention. He advised ROCKEFELLER has a broad, ranging mind on issues and he considers him capable of handling almost any problem.

Representative REID advised he is acquainted with most of the ROCKEFELLER family, including his present and former wife, and considers the members of the family, with whom he is acquainted to be of good character and reputation.

Representative REID advised he has already publicly stated that he will vote for confirmation of ROCKEFELLER for Vice President, and has praised President FORD for his selection of ROCKEFELLER. He believes that it is an excellent appointment, particularly at this critical time in the nation's history. He feels that the nomination of ROCKEFELLER will have a broadening effect on the Administration's perspective because of ROCKEFELLER's innovative and creative abilities, as well as, his loyalty and effectiveness in completing whatever requested to do. He advised ROCKEFELLER is strong in many dimensions on a domestic and international level. He knows of no reason to question the financial background of ROCKEFELLER, but believes this matter will be thoroughly investigated by the Congress.

He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER without reservation for the Vice Presidential nomination.

MAGISTRATES

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD A. MC SHANE on August 21, 1974:

HENRY C. VAN ACKER, United States Magistrate, Northern District of New York, Champlain, New York, registered Democrat, stated that he has never met ROCKEFELLER and has no opinion as to his fitness for the position of Vice President of the United States. He explained that he would like to have more details regarding the nominee before forming an opinion.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT ARTHUR, United States Magistrate, Rome, New York, advised that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee but feels that he can comment on his qualifications. He advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is a man of excellent character and a loyal American. Mr. ARTHUR advised that he would recommend him highly for the position of Vice President since he is an excellent administrator and fine American.

MARSHAL

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

FRANK M. DULAN, Republican, United States Marshal, Northern District of New York, Utica, New York, former Mayor of the City of Utica, New York from 1960 to 1968, advised that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past 15 years. Through the years he has had occasion, especially as Mayor of the City, to participate in numerous conferences and meetings with the former Governor and has come to regard Mr. ROCKEFELLER very highly.

Mr. DULAN also noted that after his term as Mayor, he served in an appointed capacity on the New York State Water Resources Commission. Prior to becoming Mayor of Utica he was also an Oneida County Legislator and a former Oneida County Clerk. He described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an extremely capable administrator and a man of keen intellect who has a wide range of business and governmental experience. He said that he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a personal or social basis, and is not personally acquainted with any member of the ROCKEFELLER family. He said that he knows absolutely nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER's good character, reputation, loyalty, or associates. Mr. DULAN particularly praised ROCKEFELLER's sincerity and genuine human interest "in initiating new programs for the benefit of all residents of the State of New York." He concluded by stating that professionally he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be eminently qualified to serve as Vice President of the United States.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

JOSEPH MC SCHERRY, Officer in Charge, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice, Albany, New York, advised that he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER. Mr. MC SCHERRY did state that from a personal standpoint he believes that ROCKEFELLER is a good administrator and he recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

V

INTERVIEWS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

NED COLE, Bishop, Episcopal Church, Diocese of Central New York, Syracuse, New York, advised that he does not know the nominee personally but has on several occasions met with him in a church group on religious matters. He advised that he knows of nothing whatsoever that would be derogatory in nature regarding the nominee and has the highest regard for him. Bishop COLE described the nominee as an extremely honest, trustworthy and patriotic American who will be an asset to the FORD Administration and highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Bishop DAVID F. CUNNINGHAM, Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Central New York, Syracuse, New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1958. Since that time he has met personally with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, and other leaders, concerning church matters. Bishop CUNNINGHAM stated that he knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and considers him to be an honest and trustworthy American. He stated, due to church principles, he is against the divorce of NELSON ROCKEFELLER from his first wife and is against his stand on the abortion law of New York State. Bishop CUNNINGHAM advised that even though he disagrees with NELSON ROCKEFELLER based on church principles, he considers him to be well qualified to handle the position as Vice President of the United States and highly recommends him for that position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EDWARD A. MC SHANE, JR., on August 27, 1974 at Plattsburgh, New York:

Reverend WILLIAM KENNEY, President, Clinton County Ministerial Association, a registered Democrat, stated that he is delighted at President FORD'S nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice President. He stated he has discussed this with other members of the ministry in the area and they are all satisfied and feel that this will lead to a great improvement in the caliber of the Government in Washington.

He fully approves of the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President.

VI

INTERVIEWS OF BUSINESS LEADERS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

WILLIAM L. PFEIFFER, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Albany Savings Bank, 20 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1950, at which time ROCKEFELLER was notinterested in politics and their relationship was strictly on a social basis. Mr. PFEIFFER noted that he, PFEIFFER, was then New York State Republican Party Chairman.

PFEIFFER stated that his relationship with ROCKEFELLER on a close personal level really commenced in 1958, when ROCKEFELLER campaigned successfully for Governor of New York State. He stated that he was ROCKEFELLER's Campaign Manager in the gubernatorial races of 1962 and 1966 and was also in charge of finances for ROCKEFELLER's 1964 presidential campaign. He advised that his headquarters in 1964 was located in New York City.

It was pointed out to PFEIFFER that allegations have been received indicating that three or four million dollars had been expended in ROCKEFELLER's 1964 presidential Oregon and California primaries, respectively. Mr. PFEIFFER advised in this regard that to the best of his knowledge, these figures were both erroneous and inflated, and do not represent the actual expenditures. He stated that substantial amounts were spent but these amounts conformed to all existing laws and regulations at that time and were not illegal. He stated that due to the passage of time he is unable to estimate the exact amount expended in these two primaries.

PFEIFFER stated that after 1966 he served as a political advisor to ROCKEFELLER for one dollar per year. In 1968, when the presidential campaign was initiated, PFEIFFER advised that he was requested, but declined, to take an active part, as he had recently been elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Albany Savings Bank, and felt he should devote his time and effort to the bank. PFEIFFER advised that at no time were any accounts of the ROCKEFELLER campaign maintained in the Albany Savings Bank as savings banks are prohibited by law from having any such accounts.

PFEIFFER advised that ROCKEFELLER'S divorce from his first wife contained no hint or tinge of scandal and both of them parted the best of friends. He stated it was simply a question of incompatibility and had nothing whatsoever to do with anything even bordering on moral turpitude. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is extremely devoted to his present wife and family.

PFEIFFER advised that he has always considered ROCKEFELLER a person of irreproachable character, morals and reputation who is sober, industrious, a "top notch" administrator and a person who possesses physical drive and stamina. He said that he is an extremely charitable person whose health is excellent and he is of the opinion that President FORD made an excellent choice when he nominated ROCKEFELLER as Vice President. He pointed out that ROCKEFELLER is peculiarly equipped due to his wealth and background to obtain information from the best brains in the country, which should prove to be of assistance in any future endeavors as Vice President. He advised he is also well acquainted with ROCKEFELLER'S brothers, sister and other members of the ROCKEFELLER family and considers them to be people of excellent morals, character, reputation and loyalty.

PFEIFFER concluded by stating that to his knowledge there is absolutely nothing in ROCKEFELLER'S background which could possibly cause any embarrassment to the FORD Administration.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

WARREN F. BEER, President of the Chase Manhattan Bank of Eastern New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER casually for approximately 10 years. BEER stated that in his capacity as President of the New York Chapter of the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, he invited ROCKEFELLER, then Governor of New York, to speak at a fund raising dinner given by the foundation.

BEER stated that his main association with the ROCKEFELLER family was through NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S brother, DAVID, who is Chairman of the Board of the Chase Manhattan Bank. BEER advised that he is impressed with ROCKEFELLER'S reputation, background, and record of public service. He advised that in spite of the high social status of the ROCKEFELLER family, each member of the family, including NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, still retains an insight into the problems of the average man. BEER advised that he knows of nothing detrimental as far as the nominee or any member of his family is concerned. BEER stated that ROCKEFELLER'S personality, administrative ability, and moral character are excellent. BEER stated that he thinks ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HUGH B. MC LEAN on August 26, 1974:

Mr. ADDISON KEIM, Republican, President of Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank, Albany, New York, advised he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis since his election as Governor. Mr. KEIM advised he has been with the Mechanics Exchange Savings Bank for the past 26 years.

During this time he has had no question concerning the nominee's character and loyalty to the United States. Even though Mr. KEIM has not been on a personal basis with the nominee, he stated that he has heard many good comments concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER and considers him a good administrator. Based on his business acquaintance with the nominee he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for a high Federal administrative position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

FRANK H. O'DELL, President, State Bank of Albany, 69 State Street, Albany, New York, stated he does not know NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally, but he considers him the greatest Governor the State of New York has ever had. He said he feels that President FORD made the best possible choice when he nominated NELSON ROCKEFELLER as his Vice President.

[redacted]

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Albany, New York, on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

JOHN J. ROBERTS, Executive Vice President, Empire State Chamber of Commerce, 150 State Street, advised he has been acquainted with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis for 15 years. ROBERTS indicated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER is of fine character and said he has never heard anything derogatory concerning him. ROBERTS did indicate, however, that he was never closely associated with ROCKEFELLER and feels that he is not in a position to comment on ROCKEFELLER's social life nor can he furnish any information concerning his associates. ROBERTS advised that he has no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States and he recommended ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

ALVIE M. EDWARDS, Director of Operations for New York State, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 1304 Washington Avenue, Watertown, New York, Democrat, advised he has attended many public functions at which ROCKEFELLER was present and has attended several dinners for Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

He described ROCKEFELLER as having excellent moral character and stated that ROCKEFELLER's associates and loyalty to the United States are beyond reproach. He considers ROCKEFELLER to have a tremendous amount of ability and feels that he has been a fair man regarding all his decisions as Governor of New York. He knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and [redacted] highly recommended him for Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT W. ROSS on August 22, 1974:

HAROLD P. McGOWAN, President, Endicott-Johnson Shoe Corporation, Endicott, New York, advised that he has had very limited personal contact with the nominee. He is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER or any member of his family and advised that he supports the nomination of ROCKEFELLER as a wise choice. McGOWAN advised that he personally considers the nominee to be "one of the most honest of all elected officials".

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD A. MC SHANE, JR., on August 21, 1974:

GEORGE A. GIEK, Vice President, National Savings Bank, Plattsburgh, New York, stated that he is not overly thrilled with ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice President. He said ROCKEFELLER drove tax rates up in New York State and since the nominee himself has unlimited funds, he thinks everyone has. He has not been sympathetic with banking and business, and bankers generally will not applaud this nomination. He does not think ROCKEFELLER should be Vice President because that would put him "a heartbeat away from the Presidency," and as President he would bankrupt the country.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 at Albany, New York. b6 b7C

PARK W. WICKS, President, First Trust and Deposit Company, Syracuse, New York, Republican, advised that he is not personally acquainted with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, although he has met briefly with him on a few occasions over the past ten years. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has a reputation for being a top Government leader of the greatest integrity. He said that based upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S reputation, he himself highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Utica, New York, on August 27, 1974. b6 b7C

Attorney [redacted], Democrat, advised he is not personally acquainted with the nominee and disagrees with him politically, but knows of nothing derogatory that should prevent him from being confirmed as Vice President. b6 b7C

Attorney [redacted] Democrat, advised he has met the nominee, but is not well acquainted with him. He feels the nominee is very well qualified for the Vice Presidency. b6 b7C

[redacted], Insurance Agent, Democrat, advised he is not acquainted with the nominee. He stated he feels the nominee is an outstanding choice for Vice President, and has all necessary qualifications for the post. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Utica, New York: b6 b7C

H. RUSSELL JOHNSON, President, Oneida National Bank and Trust Company, Genesee Street, Utica, New York, advised his association with ROCKEFELLER has been limited to several meetings and an occasional speech made by ROCKEFELLER. JOHNSON believes the nominee to be a competent, dedicated servant and politician whose leadership and "charisma" will add greatly to the executive leadership of the United States. JOHNSON noted that the nominee has the highest reputation for loyalty, personal integrity, and honesty.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

ADDISON M. WHITE, President, Savings Bank of Utica, Genesee Street, Utica, New York, advised he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but knows him by reputation to be a dynamic leader and politician, whose honesty and loyalty and administrative abilities are above reproach. WHITE stated he and other upstate businessmen are extremely proud that the nominee has been selected for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

ROGER J. SINNOTT, President, Bank of Utica, 222 Genesee Street, Utica, New York, advised he has met the nominee and knows him to be an outstanding former Governor of New York State, whose ability, integrity, loyalty, and dedication to the American people are well known. SINNOTT stated he would give the highest possible recommendation to the nominee.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

CARL R. BURNS, a Watertown, New York, businessman and a Democratic member of the Watertown City Council, advised he has not met the nominee personally but knows the nominee by reputation and believes him to be a fine candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Mr. BURNS believes the nominee enjoys an excellent reputation for intelligence, administrative ability and dedication to the public good and highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

ALLAN BRUCE, Practicing Attorney and former Democratic City Chairman, Burlington, Vermont, advised he does not personally know the nominee and the only information he has concerning him is what he has learned from the news media.

BRUCE advised he knows of nothing derogatory about the nominee but said he is unable to comment on the nominee's character, associates, reputation, loyalty, or administrative ability, or the nominee's ability to fill the position of Vice President of the United States.

VII

INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

RICHARD B. BELKIN, Vice-President and General Manager of WNWS, TV, Syracuse, New York advised that he does not know the nominee personally, however, he has met the nominee approximately four times when the nominee addressed various broadcaster's meetings from 1965 to 1973. He advised that the nominee's speeches at the broadcaster's meetings dealt mostly with State and governmental affairs.

He advised that he considers the nominee to be an outstanding American skilled in handling governmental affairs both on a domestic and international level.

He advised that he has the highest regard for him and highly recommended him for the position for which he was nominated.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY on August 23, 1974:

ARTHUR F. DEES, General Manager of Public Television Station WSKG, Endwell, New York, advised that he has no personal knowledge of the nominee. He advised that he learned from his associates in the management of the station that ROCKEFELLER is a strong supporter of public television. Mr. DEES is unaware of any derogatory information.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN E. N. HUME, III, Editor, "Schenectady Gazette", 332 State Street, Schenectady, New York, advised that he knew ROCKEFELLER on a professional level during the years that ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State. He said he has met ROCKEFELLER on many occasions and he would consider ROCKEFELLER to be a completely honest and ethical individual. He said he would have no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER's integrity, even though he does not personally agree with some of the projects that ROCKEFELLER has instituted in New York State. He said he would consider ROCKEFELLER to be qualified to handle a high Federal administrative position and he would recommend him for this position. Mr. HUME said he knows of no derogatory information involving ROCKEFELLER.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ARTHUR T. IRVING, [redacted], Glens Falls, New York, Publisher Emeritus of the Glens Falls "Post-Star and Times", a daily newspaper, advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past 15 years. He does not know him intimately but has had several contacts with him socially and through newspaper circles, and they have attended dinner parties and social functions together. Mr. IRVING feels that ROCKEFELLER is thoroughly loyal and patriotic to the United States, [redacted] is very trustworthy and is a highly accomplished administrator of good moral character and fine associates. Mr. IRVING has always been impressed with the fact that ROCKEFELLER despite immense wealth has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to serve the people and Government. He highly recommended him for the Vice Presidency. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], Assistant to the Publisher and Editor of "The Daily Star", Oneonta, New York, advised that he is acquainted with the nominee, having attended several editors' meetings held at the Governor's Mansion in Albany, New York while ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State. He advised that "The Daily Star" had endorsed ROCKEFELLER twice to run for the Presidency of the United States. He advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a man of great intellect and one who had very progressive programs as Governor of New York State. He advised that he is a very charismatic individual who has extremely good foreign relations credentials. He stated that ROCKEFELLER'S programs in the area of Medicaid and Higher Education have proven to lend an economic boost to the community of Oneonta, New York as well as Otsego County in which it is located. He advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an extremely honest, forthright and courageous individual whom he recommends very highly for the position of Vice President of the United States. He advised that he is unaware of any derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Syracuse, New York: b6 b7C

LAWRENCE RHODES, Vice President and General Manager of WHEN TV, Broadcasting Division of Meredith Corporation, advised that due to his position he had several conversations with the nominee prior to the nominee going on the air for campaign speeches and talk shows arranged by his station.

He personally feels that the nominee is a trustworthy person who is well qualified to handle the position for which he has been nominated and knows of nothing whatsoever that would be derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position to which he was nominated.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN P. KOSAKOWSKI on August 23, 1974:

WILLIAM JOHN RUSH, Vice President and General Manager, "Times Record," Troy, New York was contacted regarding NELSON ROCKEFELLER's Vice Presidential nomination and advised that he does not know and has never met Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

RUSH further stated he has contacted his Editorial Staff and they advised him that they know nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], Manager, WKTV Television Station, Smith Hill Road, Deerfield, New York, advised that he has known the nominee personally for approximately nine years. In reference to the nominee's character, loyalty, associations and administrative ability, Mr. [redacted] stated that he would give NELSON ROCKEFELLER a gold star in each category. He stated that he is not socially acquainted with the nominee but has spoken with him on numerous occasions. Mr. [redacted] advised he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee in any way. He advised he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

VIII

INTERVIEW OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Rotterdam, New York, on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

Dr. HARRY L. HAMILTON, President of the Albany Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), stated that during his term as Head of the NAACP, he has worked with and has had "numerous confrontations with the former Governor." HAMILTON related that during the building of the South Mall, ROCKEFELLER had originally promised 3,000 units of housing for "people dislocated by the Mall Project." The first two projects to be built in the new Mall were to be housing units, but instead the housing units were not started until the Mall Project was 50 percent completed and then only after repeated meetings between the representatives of the Governor and various community agencies. HAMILTON related that ROCKEFELLER'S "integrity slipped" in his estimation during ROCKEFELLER'S handling of the Attica Prison situation. HAMILTON stated that ROCKEFELLER's decision to storm the cell block area and not to be personally present during this action was an attempt by ROCKEFELLER to shift his image from that of a white liberal to a more conservative image in line with the thinking of the national Republican structure.

HAMILTON gives ROCKEFELLER credit for improving and expanding the State University system by funneling millions of dollars into improving and upgrading salaries and physical structures. HAMILTON also gives ROCKEFELLER a great deal of credit for improving the status of minority employment in various New York State departments. HAMILTON also stated that ROCKEFELLER in his opinion is a smart, hardworking executive who has the knack for getting talented people to serve him in various positions. HAMILTON stated that "ROCKEFELLER knows how to use power even though occasionally some democratic concepts get trampled as ROCKEFELLER moves to complete a particular project."

HAMILTON stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man of high character and personal integrity and the country can be assured there will be no scandal or corruption involving any phase of ROCKEFELLER's responsibility as Vice President. HAMILTON concluded by saying that ROCKEFELLER can do a good job as Vice President of the United States.

IX

INTERVIEW OF UNION LEADER

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

JOSEPH A. MANGINO, Business Agent of Local 301, International Union of Electrical Workers, 121 Erie Boulevard, Schenectady, New York, who is also President of the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council (same address), advised he has never met the nominee personally and has only seen him at some of ROCKEFELLER's speaking engagements. Mr. MANGINO is not aware of any derogatory information concerning the nominee's associates, morals or reputation. He knows of no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States. Mr. MANGINO's knowledge of ROCKEFELLER is based on newspaper articles and he feels ROCKEFELLER is a very capable, likable person who definitely has the qualifications for the position of Vice President of the United States. Although ROCKEFELLER would not have been his choice, he feels ROCKEFELLER will definitely be able to perform the job.

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INTERVIEWS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

Albany County Commissioner of Public Safety FRANCIS E. HANLEY, Albany, New York, a Democrat, advised that he does not know ROCKEFELLER nor has he associated with ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis.

HANLEY advised that to his knowledge ROCKEFELLER has a good character and unquestionable loyalty. HANLEY commented that the entire ROCKEFELLER family has done a lot of good for the United States. HANLEY feels that ROCKEFELLER will do a good job as Vice President if confirmed. HANLEY advised that he highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for Vice President and said he knows of no derogatory information regarding him.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

PERCIVAL LYONS, Sheriff, Franklin County, Malone, New York, advised he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions, primarily assisting as an escort whenever the former Governor was in Franklin County, New York. He has also met him on several occasions at law enforcement meetings. Mr. LYONS advised he knows of no derogatory information concerning nominee's character, reputation or associates. He considers ROCKEFELLER to be a good administrator; however, while ROCKEFELLER was Governor, he disagreed with his veto of many bills affecting the minimum wages for local police officers. Mr. LYONS advised in his opinion he believes the nominee favors big business rather than the ordinary citizen.

PERCIVAL LYONS advised his disagreements with the nominee are outweighed by other actions while he was Governor and he believes the nominee will be of great assistance to the President. Therefore, he recommended ROCKEFELLER with reservation concerning any powers the nominee might attain in regard to the "purse strings" of Government spending.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ARTHUR PARKER, Sheriff, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Lake Pleasant, New York, and a resident of Long Lake, New York, advised that he has been in politics since 1939. He has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959 and ROCKEFELLER appointed him Sheriff in 1964. Most of his contacts with ROCKEFELLER have been through political circles and at occasional social functions in large crowds. Mr. PARKER highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency; knows of no derogatory information, and feels he is an excellent executive. Mr. PARKER has no reason to doubt ROCKEFELLER's moral character, associates, or loyalty to the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

PATRICK J. CORBETT, Sheriff, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Syracuse, New York advised that his contact with the nominee dates back to 1963 when he was first re-elected Sheriff of Onondaga County. Since that time, he has had several professional contacts with the nominee. He advised that the nominee has always conducted himself in a manner befitting his position. He enjoys an excellent reputation in both the political and business communities, and his character is unquestionable. He is an honest and ethical politician who has a great deal of compassion for his fellow man.

XI

INTERVIEWS OF EDUCATORS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

ERNEST L. BOYER, Doctor of Philosophy, Chancellor, State University of New York (SUNY), Central Administration, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York, who resides at [redacted], Albany, New York, advised he has known b6 b7C Governor ROCKEFELLER for the past ten years in both a business and social environment. Dr. BOYER stated he is also a member of the Commission of Critical Choices for Americans, of which ROCKEFELLER is chairman. Dr. BOYER has been associated with SUNY since 1965 and advised that ROCKEFELLER made a commitment to build a public university and was the most important single force in achieving the fantastic university system that New York State presently has. Dr. BOYER feels this university system is by far ROCKEFELLER's most important public contribution.

ROCKEFELLER was responsible for instituting a major construction program which resulted in spending 2 billion dollars on university construction programs during the last ten years. ROCKEFELLER supported the new Education Program for Minorities at SUNY and also the New College for Adults (non-campus education).

Dr. BOYER stated he has met ROCKEFELLER's wife and family on several occasions and feels ROCKEFELLER maintains a strong, close family relationship. Dr. BOYER advised ROCKEFELLER has only associated with men and women of outstanding integrity and exceedingly strong capabilities. Dr. BOYER knows of no reason to question ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States and added he is a man of outstanding integrity with the key to administrative effectiveness. Dr. BOYER feels ROCKEFELLER has no detrimental qualities whatsoever to be, as he has been in the past, an outstanding public official. Dr. BOYER stated ROCKEFELLER is unusually energetic, is deeply committed to public work and is extremely alert intellectually. ROCKEFELLER always brings a sense of hope and urgency to the problems of the world and is a hard worker. Dr. BOYER enthusiastically recommended ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Syracuse, New York. b6 b7C

ALAN K. CAMPBELL, Democrat, and Dean, Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally since 1959. He advised that in 1959, he, CAMPBELL, was appointed Deputy Comptroller under ARTHUR LEVITT who is still presently Comptroller for the State of New York.

Dean CAMPBELL advised that his first experience with the nominee was that of a political critic dealing with Governor ROCKEFELLER's tax programs.

Dean CAMPBELL advised that since 1970, he has been a member of the Council of Economic Advisors, and in this capacity, he has had a close working relationship with the nominee. He advised that in 1972 - 1973, the Maxwell Graduate School received a contract to do a research study dealing with the tax probelms of New York City, and that the study was called the Economic Phase of New York State and its Fiscal Consequences. He advised that this study dealt in the area of tax since New York State gives New York City 50 percent of its tax budget for programs dealing with education, welfare, transportation, and medical care.

Dean CAMPBELL advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER has excellent rapport with minority groups, especially the Puerto Rican population of New York City, as NELSON ROCKEFELLER speaks Spanish fluently. He further advised that even though some minority groups do not agree with some of ROCKEFELLER's programs, the nominee has their interests at heart.

Dean CAMPBELL advised that he feels he is well qualified to make a favorable recommendation as far as ROCKEFELLER's nomination is concerned, in view of the fact that he has known him since 1959 on a professional basis.

Dean CAMPBELL advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is fully qualified to handle the position for which he has been nominated and will be an asset to the FORD Administration in handling Government affairs, both domestically and internationally.

AL 161-965

The following invesigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

MARTIN P. CATHERWOOD, Professor Emeritus, Cornell University, [redacted], Cayuga Heights, New York, was interviewed at which time he furnished the following information: b6 b7C

CATHERWOOD was head of the New York State Department of Labor during the ROCKEFELLER Administration from 1958 to 1970. He first met the nominee in 1958, through mutual friends, when he was under consideration for a position in the ROCKEFELLER Administration. At that time, CATHERWOOD was Dean of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Since leaving the Department in 1970, he has had no close contact with ROCKEFELLER. During the 12 years he was Labor Commissioner, CATHERWOOD had frequent personal and professional contact with the nominee. He has absolutely no reservations regarding ROCKEFELLER and said President FORD could not have made a better selection for the Vice President. He characterized the nominee as a strong, dominant individual, whose presence in Washington will strengthen the National Government and be good for the country, especially at this time. There is no question, CATHERWOOD advised, regarding ROCKEFELLER's good character and high personal and ethical qualities.

He has met members of ROCKEFELLER's immediate family and spoke very highly of them.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

Doctor THOMAS A. BARTLETT, Democrat, President, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, advised he has been acquainted with the nominee for the past four years inasmuch as he (BARTLETT) served on the Governor's Committee for Higher Education. Dr. BARTLETT noted he does not agree politically with the nominee, but believes the nominee to be an extraordinary, perceptive, knowledgeable, and able administrator and politican. Dr. BARTLETT noted that on several occasions the nominee demonstrated to him an extraordinary ability to solve political and administrative problems. Dr. BARTLETT noted the nominee is a very "tough" politician, whose decisions are completely divorced of sentiment. Dr. BARTLETT described the nominee as having an excellent memory and as being a natural leader and said he believes that the nominee is the finest possible Republican choice for the Vice Presidency. Dr. BARTLETT has no information regarding the nominee's family.

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DALE CORSON, President, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, was interviewed on August 26, 1974, by SA [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] at which time he furnished the following information:

CORSON has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past 12 years and increasingly so during the last two years of his Administration as Governor of the State of New York. He had frequent contacts with the nominee on primarily legislative matters and met often with him in small groups. He found ROCKEFELLER to be a highly effective administrator who was forthright in all his dealings. He knows what he can do and cannot do, and will not hesitate to ask for help and guidance when needed.

CORSON said ROCKEFELLER is a very personable man who regards everyone as his friend. He has only the highest regard for ROCKEFELLER and knows of no reason to doubt him in any way. He recommended him for the Vice Presidency. CORSON said he has had little or no contact with members of ROCKEFELLER's immediate family.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 24, 1974. b6 b7C

Dr. JOHN SLOAN DICKEY, President, Emeritus of Dartmouth College and currently professor of Public Affairs, at Dartmouth, resident of Swanton, Vermont, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately 45 years. He advised that they were students together at Dartmouth College. Dr. DICKEY advised that during World War II, he served under the nominee in the Inter American Affairs Agency, under the ROOSEVELT Administration. Dr. DICKEY advised that he was the liaison man between this agency and the Department of State under Mr. CORDELL HULL. Dr. DICKEY advised that while he was serving in this capacity, he had a very satisfactory relationship with the nominee. He considers the nominee to have a tremendous amount of executive ability.

Dr. DICKEY advised that after World War II, he went on to become the President of Dartmouth College and the nominee later became a trustee of that institution. Dr. DICKEY advised that on a few occasions he worked with ROCKEFELLER concerning study projects in regard to Latin America, in which the nominee was involved.

Dr. DICKEY advised that he did not see the nominee very much while the nominee served as Governor of New York.

Dr. DICKEY advised that the nominee's son, RODMAN, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1954.

Dr. DICKEY advised that in the 1950's, he bestowed an honorary Doctorate Degree in Law to the nominee from Dartmouth College and in 1969, he bestowed a second honorary Doctorate Degree to the nominee, this degree being in Civil Law.

Dr. DICKEY advised that he considers the nominee to be an individual of unquestionable integrity, reliability, and loyalty. He considers the nominee to have excellent credentials in all areas and considers him to be an outstanding American. He advised that he knows absolutely nothing unfavorable concerning the nominee or any member of his family.

Dr. DICKEY advised that he considers the nominee highly qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974:

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MELVIN EGGERS, Chancellor-President, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, advised that he knows the nominee on a professional basis due to his unique position with the University. He advised that due to his position with the University he has chaired the platform with NELSON ROCKEFELLER on several occasions when the nominee was making political speeches regarding academic programs for the State of New York, and one time [at] a dinner honoring STEVEN ROGERS, owner and publisher for the newspapers, "Herald" and "Post Standard" for Syracuse, New York. Mr. EGGERS further advised that he, along with the presidents of five major universities, (Cornell, Rochester, New York, Columbia and Fordham) have met personally with NELSON ROCKEFELLER on several occasions regarding various educational programs. EGGERS advised that he knows nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and has the highest regard for him, both as former Governor of New York and as Vice Presidential nominee. He considers the nominee to be of unimpeachable character and reputation and well qualified to handle the position for which he was nominated. He advised that he would highly recommend him for that position without reservation.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Doctor CHARLES R. EISENHART, President, Adirondack Community College, Bay Road, Queensbury, New York stated he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past 13 years. They have had several professional contacts and Dr. EISENHART has attended many social receptions in ROCKEFELLER's company. Dr. EISENHART feels ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice as the Vice Presidential nominee and he highly recommended the appointment. He feels ROCKEFELLER possesses top-notch executive ability and has excellent moral character. His loyalty to the United States is above question.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted], on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Dr. CHARLES GAFFNEY, Vice President, State University of New York (SUNY), Agricultural and Technical School at Cobleskill, Cobleskill, New York, advised that he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on several occasions. He advised that he is not a close personal friend of the nominee, but supports most of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's political views. He stated that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a very progressive administrator as he had increased the SUNY from approximately 35,000 students in 1960 to well over 200,000 students at the present time. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's ideas concerning the building programs at the SUNY made possible the growth, and at the present time, the SUNY is, if not the largest, one of the largest university systems in the world. He advised that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a dedicated public official and knows of no derogatory information concerning him. He believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Syracuse, New York: b6 b7C

WILLIAM L. RILEY, President, Lemoyne College, Syracuse, New York, advised that he does not know the nominee personally but due to his position he has had some occasional contact with the nominee for the last six years.

President RILEY further advised that he knows of nothing derogatory whatsoever regarding the nominee and personally feels that he is fully qualified to handle the position for which he was nominated.

President RILEY stated further that he feels that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is an honorable, trustworthy person, whose knowledge and experience will make him an asset under President FORD and he personally recommends him for the Vice Presidency.

XII

INTERVIEWS OF POLITICAL LEADERS

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

DORIS BROOKS, Broome County, New York, Republican Chairman and Election Commissioner, Binghamton, New York, advised that she has known the nominee personally and professionally for approximately 17 years. She advised that she has the highest regard for the nominee and his family and considers ROCKEFELLER to be an honorable, able, down to earth individual. Mrs. BROOKS advised that ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding nominee and praised his character and administrative ability. She highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted], on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

SYLVESTER SCHOONMAKER, Chairman, Delaware County Republican Committee, Delhi, New York, advised that he is a close political friend of the nominee. He advised that he had been in contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER while Governor of New York State approximately eight to ten times a year and that since January, 1974, he has been with Mr. ROCKEFELLER four times. He advised that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be the most outstanding choice available to President FORD for the Vice Presidency of the United States. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has had a long and distinguished career of public service, starting in the ROOSEVELT Administration. He stated that ROCKEFELLER has served every President from ROOSEVELT through EISENHOWER and that during former President NIXON's first term of office, he traveled to foreign countries on behalf of the United States Government. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man of unquestionable integrity and recommends him very highly for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. He advised that he is casually acquainted with the present Mrs. ROCKEFELLER and several of the nominee's children and considers them to be very fine people. He stated that he knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER and reiterated the fact that the President could not make a better choice for his Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974. b6 b7C

LIOBERN YANDON, Town of Newcomb, New York, Supervisor, and Chairman, Essex County, New York Democratic Party, advised he has met ROCKEFELLER on several occasions, but is not a personal friend. Mr. YANDON advised that he considers the nominee to be an honorable man of good character and reputation, who ran his Administration as Governor of New York in an open and above board manner. Mr. YANDON advised he is not acquainted with associates of ROCKEFELLER's, but has never heard of him associating with disreputable individuals. Mr. YANDON stated he knows of no reason why nominee should not be appointed to any high Government position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974. b6 b7C

ALFRED DUFRANE, Chairman, Franklin County Democratic Party, and owner of several businesses, Malone, New York, advised he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a very brilliant man. However, he said he does not like the nominee's liberal attitude regarding fiscal policy because he believes ROCKEFELLER nearly drove New York State and local municipalities of the State of New York into bankruptcy and if he were appointed to a high position in the Federal Government, he might do the same to the United States. DUFRANE stated as an example, while Governor of the State of New York, ROCKEFELLER pushed legislation which made municipal bonds interest two to five percent higher than for any other State in the nation and which made New York State and municipal bonds a poor risk. DUFRANE advised the nominee's economic policy encouraged inflationary policy and, therefore, he does not regard ROCKEFELLER as a good choice for any high Government position.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

JAMES ELLIS, teacher and chairman of the Franklin County Republican Party, who is from Tupper Lake, New York, advised he has met ROCKEFELLER on a number of occasions in Franklin County, New York, and at the Governor's Office in Albany, New York, where he has had discussions on several issues. Mr. ELLIS advised he ran the nominee's last campaign for Governor in Franklin County, New York. Mr. ELLIS advised he considers the nominee's character, reputation, and associates to be beyond reproach. ELLIS stated he feels personally that he would recommend nominee without reservations or qualifications for any high Government position, although they have differed philosophically on a number of issues, including abortion and the Adirondack Park Agency.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT A. BOUCHARD, the Jefferson County, New York, Democratic Party Chairman, [redacted], Watertown, New York, advised he does not know the nominee personally but does believe the nominee to be a dedicated public servant and skillful past Governor of the State. Mr. BOUCHARD stated he has no reason to doubt the nominee's honesty or loyalty and believes the nominee to be a fine candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States. b6 b7C

THEODORE RAND, the Democratic Mayor of Watertown, New York, advised he does not know the nominee personally but has dealt with him on many occasions during the past 10 to 15 years. He believes the nominee to be an extremely intelligent, dedicated and resourceful administrator and politician and the best possible nominee for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Mr. RAND stated his only objection to the nominee is his fiscal policies while Governor of New York State in that he spent much more of the State's money than upstate New York could afford.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

BERNARD M. KILBOURN, [redacted], Chadwicks, New York, who was Republican Chairman for Oneida County, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for several years through Republican Party activities and through matters concerning the State of New York. DR. KILBOURN advised he considers the nominee to possess a character "sparkling with rich qualities". He referred to the nominee as a completely dedicated American whose loyalty lies in the furtherance of the democratic way of life under the Constitution. DR. KILBOURN advised that although he b6 b7C is not acquainted with many of ROCKEFELLER'S close associates, he has never heard of any of his associates having an unsavory reputation. Relating to the nominee's ability as an administrator, DR. KILBOURN stated that his record while Governor of the State of New York more than exemplifies his administrative stature. He added that few persons, if any, can match him in his administrative capacities. DR. KILBOURN stated that he would unequivocally recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT SPILKA, Spilka's Hotel, Utica, New York, City Chairman for the Democratic Party, advised that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee; however, from what he has gleaned from the news media and other associates in politics, he has concluded that ROCKEFELLER is fully capable of handling the position of Vice President of the United States. His only complaint against ROCKEFELLER, through the years, has been in reference to his excessive spending of State monies while he was Governor of New York. He understands that ROCKEFELLER associates only with people who enjoy a fine reputation, that he is of outstanding character and is known as a great administrator. He personally has never heard a derogatory remark made against ROCKEFELLER in regard to his character, loyalty and associates. He stated he would recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

JOHN CONWAY, Chairman, Democratic Party, Oswego County, advised that he does not know the nominee personally.

Mr. CONWAY advised that he has been Chairman of the Democratic Party in Oswego County for the last 16 years. He also served as Mayor of Oswego from 1968 to 1973 and also was City Attorney for the City of Oswego from 1960 to 1968.

Mr. CONWAY advised that the nominee is an excellent administrator and is fully qualified for the job for which he has been nominated.

Mr. CONWAY advised that he knows nothing derogatory regarding the nominee; however, he does not care to give him a recommendation for the Vice Presidency as he feels there are better qualified individuals.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

J. GREGORY MERRIAM, Chairman of the Republican Party for Oswego County, Oswego, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER personally and socially since 1958. He further advised that over the years he has had many personal interviews with ROCKEFELLER concerning legislative matters.

MERRIAM advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a man of excellent integrity and reputation and one who possesses the ability to handle both domestic and international government affairs. He further advised that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is also qualified in handling problems dealing with minority groups and has excellent rapport with the Spanish-speaking population of New York City.

MERRIAM advised that he knows of nothing derogatory regarding ROCKEFELLER and highly recommends him to the position for which he is nominated.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

SAMUEL NADER, Chairman, Democratic Committee, Otsego County, Oneonta, New York, advised that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be eminently qualified in every respect for the position of Vice President of the United States. He stated that he feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER has an excellent background in foreign affairs and proved himself to be a good administrator during his terms as Governor of New York State. He advised that he did not always agree with Mr. ROCKEFELLER's fiscal policies but feels that he is the best choice that the country could make for the Vice President of the United States. He stated that he knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

WILLIAM JOHN ANTHONY KELLY, Democratic Chairman of Saratoga County, Mechanicville, New York, advised that his relationship with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER has been of a political nature and that he has met ROCKEFELLER once or twice and that their length of association is minimal. KELLY advised that he feels ROCKEFELLER'S character and loyalty, in his opinion, are above reproach. KELLY advised that ROCKEFELLER'S associates with whom he has come in contact during political campaigning have been first-class individuals. KELLY stated that in his opinion ROCKEFELLER'S administrative ability is also of the first class nature and that he will be an asset to the Executive Branch of the United States Government. KELLY advised that he would recommend ROCKEFELLER highly as Vice-President of the United States and said that he knows of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER that would jeopardize this appointment.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. GEORGE V. PALMER, former Schenectady County Democratic Chairman, advised that he has known the nominee on a political level for approximately 13 years. He advised that he knows the nominee to be of high character and loyalty to the United States. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has a great deal of executive ability and believes that he will make a good appointment as Vice President of the United States.

The "Schenectady Gazette," a daily newspaper published at Schenectady, New York, edition of August 21, 1974, quoted Mr. PALMER as saying, "that the nominee tends to breed controversy and might not be a unifying influence." Mr. PALMER stated that by this he meant that the nominee was often the basis of controversy because of some of his proposed programs. One example of this would be the nominee's position on abortion. Mr. PALMER stated that this should not be taken as anything derogatory toward the nominee personally and he was only commenting on some of the past efforts of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. PALMER stated that he would recommend the nominee for a high Federal administrative position.

It is noted that Mr. PALMER is a practicing attorney in the City of Schenectady.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

THOMAS LIVINGSTON, Democratic Party Chairman for Schoharie County, Howes Cave, New York, advised that he is not acquainted with the nominee. He advised he has never met Mr. ROCKEFELLER and is opposed to his political views. He advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

DEWIGHT H. LANE, Chairman of the Republican Committee for Schoharie County, Sharon Springs, New York, advised that he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on approximately six occasions. He advised that he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER intimately but considers him to be a "down-to-earth man". He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER, while Governor of New York State, was responsive to the people's needs in Schoharie County, and feels that he is an excellent administrator. Mr. LANE advised that he believes the nominee's knowledge of State and National Government is more than adequate to handle the position of Vice President of the United States. He advised that he has only good words to say for Mr. ROCKEFELLER and knows of no derogatory information concerning him.

HAZEL FIELD, Chairman of the Republican Committee of Otsego County, Cooperstown, New York, advised that she knew Mr. ROCKEFELLER professionally during his Administration as Governor of New York State. She advised that she has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on approximately a dozen occasions and considers him to be an excellent administrator. She advised that he is easy to work with and readily available to be contacted. She stated that the nominee is in her opinion a completely honest and loyal American. She advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER during his term as Governor of New York State was very much aware of and interested in the problems of Otsego County. She advised that she considers him to be an extremely fine choice for Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

JEAN ANGELL, Chairman, Tompkins County Democratic Party, was interviewed at which time she furnished the following information:

She has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER and has no personal knowledge of him; however, she does not feel he was a good Governor for the State of New York and he is not her choice for the Vice Presidency. She said he left the people of New York State with the highest tax rate in the country while building monuments to himself. He is not people-oriented, she said, in that he could have done more for mental hygiene, rehabilitation of criminals and prison reform while New York State Governor. She does not feel he was sentitive enough to peoples' needs and their immediate personal problems. Ms. ANGELL said she has no direct knowledge regarding ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty or ethical conduct and does not feel qualified to comment in this regard.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted], on August 26 and 27, 1974: b6 b7C

DANIEL T. HEALY, Chairman, Warren County, New York, Democratic Committee, was contacted at his residence at [redacted], Glens Falls, New York. During the past 10 years or so, Mr. HEALY had occasional contact in large groups at political functions with ROCKEFELLER. He does not feel he knows ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment concerning his moral character and associates. Mr. HEALY feels that ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty to the United States is unquestionable, and said he is a very good administrator and will make an excellent Vice President. b6 b7C

EDWARD MC MAHON, Attorney and Democratic Committeeman, Saratoga Springs, New York, was contacted at his law office on Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs. Mr. MC MAHON said he feels unqualified to comment concerning ROCKEFELLER'S moral character or associates since he knows ROCKEFELLER only by reputation, but feels ROCKEFELLER is a responsible and loyal United States citizen.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 27, 1974, at Brandon, Vermont. b6 b7C

HARRY ROTHENBERG, Democratic City Chairman, Brandon, Vermont, advised he has no personal knowledge of the nominee, other than that which he has obtained from the news media. ROTHENBERG stated because of this, he is unable to make any comment as to the nominee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, ROTHENBERG added he is also unable to comment on the nominee's administrative ability or his ability to fulfill the office of Vice President.

ROTHENBERG did state while having no personal knowledge of the nominee he views his nomination with great optimism.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Burlington, Vermont: b6 b7C

CONSTANCE PAPIN, [redacted], advised that she is currently the President of the Democratic Women's City Organization of Burlington, Vermont, and has been active in the Democratic Party in Vermont for several years. Miss PAPIN advised that she has never met the nominee personally; however, she has read and heard a lot about this individual. She considers the nominee to be of excellent character and reputation. She advised she has heard of nothing unfavorable concerning ROCKEFELLER. She advised she considers the nominee to be a loyal and outstanding American. b6 b7C

She advised that she admires ROCKEFELLER for the way in which he has become involved in the problems of this country. She advised that he did not have to become involved in the problems the way he has due to his financial background. Miss PAPIN advised that she considers ROCKEFELLER to be a good public administrator and would recommend the nominee for a high Federal administrative position.

GORDON PAQUETTE, Democrat, Mayor, advised that he has never met the nominee personally; however, he considers the nominee to be of excellent character and reputation. Mayor PAQUETTE advised that he has heard of nothing unfavorable concerning the nominee's reputation and character. He advised he considers the nominee to be a loyal American and a good administrator who has a fine knowledge of big business. Mayor PAQUETTE advised that he admires the way the nominee has taken an active part in politics working toward the solution of several of the problems of this country, when financially he did not have to become so involved. Mayor PAQUETTE advised that he would recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

PATRICK J. LEAHY, Chittenden County States Attorney, Burlington, Vermont, aspirant for Democratic United States Senator from Vermont, advised that he has had no personal contact with the nominee. He stated that his only knowledge of nominee is that which he has found in the news media and based upon this information, he has no reason to preclude nominee being appointed Vice President of the United States.

MARGARET A. HARTINGAN, Democratic National Committeewoman, Burlington, Vermont, advised that she has had no personal contact with nominee. She advised that she knows of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and is only familiar with him through the news media. However, she stated that based upon that knowledge she is satisfied with his being selected as Vice President of the United States.

DANIEL J. O'BRIEN, Democratic National Committeeman, South Burlington, Vermont, advised that he has had no personal contact with the nominee and has not followed the nominee's political career. He stated, however, that based on what he has heard and read through the news media he is satisfied with nominee's being selected as Vice President of the United States.

CAROLYN ADLER, Chittenden County Democratic Committee, Creek Road, Essex Junction, Vermont, advised that she has had no personal contact with the nominee. She stated that she is a former resident of New York State and that she knows of nothing derogatory concerning nominee's character, morals or reputation that would preclude nominee being appointed Vice President of the United States.

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MISCELLANEOUS

INFORMATION CONCERNING
NEW YORK STATE SPEAKER
OF THE ASSEMBLY
PERRY B. DURYEA, JR.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974 at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

Attorney CHARLES S. WEBB, Republican, Legislative Counsel to PERRY B. DURYEA, JR., Speaker of the Assembly, State of New York, advised as follows:

He has known nominee, NELSON ROCKEFELLER, since 1969 and met with him at legislative leaders' meetings and also socially. He stated that he knows nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon the character, loyalty or associates of the nominee. He feels ROCKEFELLER has been seeking the office of President for many years and this is one route he is taking. He stated he is a very strong-willed individual and generally gets what he goes after.

Mr. WEBB stated that an indictment against Speaker DURYEA was returned in November, 1973, by the New York County Grand Jury on a misdemeanor charge of conspiracy which was later dismissed as the statute was held unconstitutional by the New York State Courts.

Mr. WEBB stated that although he has no proof of any wrongdoing, he questions the circumstances of the above indictment and has wondered if maybe the reason behind this was not directed toward eliminating Speaker DURYEA as a possible candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, and also if this possibility was not a planned maneuver by the nominee in order that the nominee might continue to control the Republican Party through the Lieutenant Governor and now Governor, MALCOLM WILSON. He related the following as the circumstances leading up to the indictment:

Mr. WEBB stated that prior to July, 1973, the New York State Attorney General LOUIS LEFKOWITZ started an investigation of an election law violation, namely regarding a letter that had been written to enrolled Liberals during the previous election. He stated the letter was paid for by the Republican Assembly Campaign Committee and directed to the enrolled Liberals in order to attract the Liberal vote for certain Republican candidates. He stated this letter did not contain at the bottom, the identification as to who paid for the letter as required by the law. He stated under New York State law, it was a misdemeanor violation to put out political material that did not contain identification of those who put it out. He stated that at the time, this letter

was sent out, the Assembly Campaign Committee was aware of the law but did not feel that the letter came under the purview of the statute. He stated this was the nature of the Attorney General's investigation and the day after the close of the legislative session in 1973, the Attorney General's office sent out subpoenas for witnesses. He stated that suddenly there was a dramatic shift of this investigation from the Attorney General's office to the District Attorney's office in New York County which at that time, was held by Mr. FRANK HOGAN. He stated that an Assistant District Attorney, ALFRED SCOTTI, handled the case before the Grand Jury. Mr. WEBB stated that this presentation began in July, 1973, and lasted until after Thanksgiving or early December, 1973. The presentation was low-key and in his (WEBB'S) conversation with Mr. SCOTTI, Mr. SCOTTI indicated Speaker DURYEA was never supposed to appear before the Grand Jury. In the first part of November, Mr. SCOTTI stated that Speaker DURYEA might have to appear and then the Monday after Thanksgiving, Mr. SCOTTI called Speaker DURYEA to appear before the Grand Jury.

Mr. WEBB stated that during the presentation, witnesses and records from Speaker DURYEA'S office were produced and his office always cooperated with the District Attorney's office. Mr. WEBB stated that near the end of the presentation, there was some change in attitude on the part of the District Attorney's office, the reason for which he does not know. He stated this possibility made him question why a sudden dramatic shift of the investigation from the Attorney General's office to the New York County District Attorney's office and why suddenly ROCKEFELLER resigned his office as Governor the day before an indictment was returned against Speaker DURYEA. He stated he wondered if possibly the nominee did this in order to control the Republican nomination for Governor for Mr. WILSON rather than for Speaker DURYEA. Mr. WEBB again reiterated he has no facts to substantiate this and these are only questions going through his mind, but he still wonders if this, in fact, was not done to eliminate the effectiveness of Speaker DURYEA as a possible candidate for Governor.

Mr. WEBB stated his personal feeling regarding the nominee is that he is too strong-willed of a person to remain in the number two position too long, but he feels ROCKEFELLER will do a lot for the United States if the right agreement is made between him and the President as to his duties. He stated, however, that ROCKEFELLER would not be his first choice to serve as Vice-President. Mr. WEBB stated that he preferred not to elaborate on this point any further.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P. SIMPSON on August 26, 1974:

LOUIS J. LEFKOWITZ, Attorney General, New York State, member of Republican party, was contacted at the New York State Fair, Syracuse, New York. He was apprised of an allegation that the nominee brought pressure to bear on the office of Manhattan District Attorney, FRANK HOGAN, possibly through Mr. LEFKOWITZ, to make public the illegal election procedures indictment against New York State Republican Leader, PERRY DURYEA, the day after ROCKEFELLER resigned as Governor of New York in order to thwart a DURYEA bid for the Governorship.

LEFKOWITZ advised he routinely referred the DURYEA matter to HOGAN's office for his consideration about June, 1973 and was aware that hundreds of witnesses appeared before a Grand Jury during the following months. He stated that HOGAN's staff, principally assisted by District Attorney AL SCOTTI and SCOTTI's assistant, Mr. [redacted], handled the presentation to the Grand Jury. b6 b7C

LEFKOWITZ denied that ROCKEFELLER contacted him to have HOGAN make public the indictment in November, 1973 and called the allegations ridiculous, irresponsible, and a baseless statement without any foundation. He observed that anyone knowing FRANK HOGAN (now deceased), would realize that HOGAN would not have been receptive to such an approach. He added that while no such pressure came from him or his office, only FRANK HOGAN, AL SCOTTI or MR. [redacted] could answer for any approaches or pressure from contacts or whether the press release timing was coincidental with the Governor's resignation. b6 b7C

He stated that he is aware that [redacted] has been previously reported in New York City papers as the source of these allegations. b6 b7C

STATEMENT OF NEW YORK STATE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and JOHN P. KOSAKOWSKI, JR. on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

JACK ST. LEGER, Executive Director of the New York State Right To Life Committee, 41 State Street, Albany, New York, advised that New York State Right To Life Committee does not feel that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is acceptable to be Vice President of the United States. ST. LEGER, who is the spokesman for the New York State Right To Life Committee, stated that his sole basis for finding NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER unacceptable is because of ROCKEFELLER'S persistent support for permissive abortion.

Attached is a public statement that was released on August 20, 1974, and is the official view of the New York State Right To Life Committee regarding the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER by President GERALD FORD.

The statement was published in the Evangelist, a Diocese of Albany publication, on August 22, 1974. It should be noted that attached public statement comments on the fact that Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S talents as an administrator and executive are not at issue with the New York State Right To Life Committee.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ALBANY--Selection of former New York governor Nelson Rockefeller as the Vice President designate is a stunning indication that the Ford administration is committed to a policy of power and prestige first and the people of the nation second.

Mr. Rockefeller is hailed as a man who could support peace abroad. In fact, while governor, he alone approved and sustained a greater level of violence than has ever been known in the land. This was his persistent support for permissive abortion. In New York State alone, during the three year period between 1970, when Governor Rockefeller signed a permissive abortion law, and 1973, when he relinquished the governorship to Malcolm Wilson, it is estimated that there were some three quarter of a million abortions in the State.

As Vice President, Mr. Rockefeller would preside over the Senate. A Human Life Amendment, which would restore respect for life, including the unborn, aged, defectives, and all Americans, as the framers of the Constitution

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intended, is now being studied by a committee of that body. It is inconceivable that Mr. Rockefeller would permit full and fair consideration by the full Senate, were he the presiding officer. His selection, therefore, must be viewed as a commitment by the Ford administration to continue to disenfranchise the millions of Americans not yet born who will be killed by abortion.

Mr. Rockefeller's record of absolute support for legalized social killing indicates that he would find no problem approving, and urging the President to approve, the various other forms of respectable killing now being urged by various groups, including organizations supported by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Mr. Rockefeller's talents as an administrator and executive are not the issue here. What is at issue is that Mr. Rockefeller puts power and influence first and humanity second. We can think of no greater shame for the nation than a man of this leaning as the potential President of the greatest nation in the world.

We urge the citizens of New York State and the nation to repudiate violence by demanding that the Congress insist on a Vice President who will stand for all Americans, not just the powerful and elite.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
SOUTH MALL PROJECT

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. ROSS on August 26, 1974:

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JAMES MC CABE, New York State Assemblyman, (Democrat), [redacted], Johnson City, New York, advised that he has known the nominee on a professional basis for approximately ten years. Mr. MC CABE advised that he sent a telegram to President FORD urging that ROCKEFELLER not be nominated for the position of Vice President. He advised that ROCKEFELLER has abused the executive power of the New York State Government and has bent the State Constitution to fit the executive will. He stated that ROCKEFELLER circumvented the New York State Constitution in authorizing the South Mall Project in violation of Article 7, Section 11, New York State Constitution.

Mr. MC CABE advised that ROCKEFELLER violated the spirit of the Constitution, if not the letter, in pushing bills through the Legislature at the end of a session as "advanced as a message of necessity". Mr. MC CABE advised that the Constitution calls for emergency-type legislation to be expeditiously advanced to the Legislators. At the end of a legislative session it was not uncommon to receive proposed legislation marked as a message of necessity. Mr. MC CABE advised that he is unable to furnish specific bill numbers; however, stated that the following items fell into this category at the end of the 1973 Session:

1. Marine Bird Sanctuary, Montauk Point, New York.

2. New Definitions Of A Person In Need of Supervision.

3. Identification Badges For Election Inspectors.

4. Establishment Of A Nature and Historical Preserve, Bronx, New York.

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Mr. MC CABE advised that in contrast to the above bills, the supplemental budget was also advanced as a message of necessity and thus the Legislators had no time to digest its contents prior to being called upon to vote upon the matter.

Assemblyman MC CABE advised that he would not recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 27, 1974. b6 b7C

ARTHUR LEVITT, Comptroller, New York State Department of Audit and Control, Albany, New York, registered Democrat, advised that he has known NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER on a personal and official basis for the past sixteen years.

LEVITT stated that he regards ROCKEFELLER as an extremely talented and able administrator who has the innate ability to grasp highly complex subjects and arrive at sound decisions. LEVITT advised that ROCKEFELLER has created great things for the State of New York, and displayed tremendous qualities of leadership in building the State of New York University System in just a few years, the huge network of highways in the State and the South Mall Governmental Building Complex.

LEVITT stated that there have been some serious differences of opinion between them, pointing out that he has always felt that ROCKEFELLER is indifferent to the consequences of deficit spending and borrowing and that some of his fiscal policies have been a contributing factor to inflation.

HE advised the most serious difference of opinion arose as a result of the building of the South Mall Project. In this regard, LEVITT stated ROCKEFELLER embarked upon this building program in 1960 and he, LEVITT, opposed it from the beginning as he felt that ROCKEFELLER was circumventing the New York State Constitution which forbids large scale capital construction without approval by a statewide referendum. LEVITT advised that ROCKEFELLER'S agreement with Albany County wherein the costs of this project were financed through a bond issue was particularly irksome to him as it meant that all New York State taxpayers were paying for the mall without the voters approval. He said that this method of financing the

Mall project thus made it more expensive for the people of the State of New York.

LEVITT advised he is positive that the voters of New York State would have rejected any bond issue to finance the South Mall Project. He said that he disagreed with ROCKEFELLER on the basis of cost and priority as the South Mall Project did not occupy top priority in the State's financial history at that time.

LEVITT advised that he does not agree with any allegations that ROCKEFELLER has ever pressured Albany County into financing and constructing the South Mall as the Mall actually replaced a slum area of Albany, created an arterial network leading to the approaches of downtown Albany, and is a great boost for business in the Albany area. He stated that Albany derives all these benefits together with a sum of money in lieu of taxes and he is positive that ROCKEFELLER, therefore, had not exerted the pressures of his office to accomplish this purpose.

LEVITT advised that the State University Dormitory Authority and The New York State Thruway Authority were not created by ROCKEFELLER as independent bodies for the purpose of capital construction to avoid a statewide referendum in circumvention of the New York State Constitution as these agencies are self-supporting by virtue of their money-making capabilities and are not a burden to the people of New York State. LEVITT stated that the South Mall, in contrast, is not a business venture and no money is generated to support its financing.

LEVITT stated that although he has had his differences of opinion with ROCKEFELLER, there have been broad areas of agreement with ROCKEFELLER policies and ROCKEFELLER has worked in many areas to the advantage of the people. LEVITT stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER as a person of the highest moral, personal and ethical integrity, a man of intense patriotism and recommended him without reservation for the position of Vice President of the United States.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, at Albany, New York. b6 b7C

MAURICE J. FLEISCHMAN, Deputy Controller, New York State Department of Audit and Control, advised that the Albany South Mall project, now known as the Empire State Plaza, was a result of the "Capital City Commission" which was headed by then Lieutenant Governor, MALCOLM WILSON, of the State of New York. The main objective of this Commission was the improvement of the city of Albany. Mr. FLEISCHMAN stated that the financing of the South Mall was underwritten by the sale of bonds by the County of Albany. Mr. FLEISCHMAN advised that under the New York State Constitution any bond which has the full faith and credit of New York State must be submitted to a referendum by the citizens of New York State. Mr. FLEISCHMAN stated that because of the financing of the South Mall by Albany County, the South Mall issue was not subjected to a referendum and that there was nothing illegal involved in this procedure. Mr. FLEISCHMAN advised that Albany County is building the structures which make up the South Mall and the State of New York is paying rent on these buildings, the money being appropriated during the New York State Legislative sessions. The Mall is being constructed by the State which is serving as an agent for the County of Albany. Mr. FLEISCHMAN advised that both city and Albany County officials were anxious to have the Mall constructed because of the benefits, such as cleaning out slum areas, which would result from the South Mall being built. Mr. FLEISCHMAN described the South Mall financing as originally a "toss up" between the City of Albany and the County of Albany. Albany finally decided that the County of Albany was in a better financial position to sell the bonds necessary to aid the South Mall. Mr. FLEISCHMAN stated that the two officials who would be more knowledgeable regarding the South Mall on a local Government basis would be ERASTUS CORNING, Mayor of Albany, and Judge JOHN J. CLYNE, who was a County Attorney at the time construction on the South Mall commenced.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

MICHAEL WHITEMAN, Counsel to the Governor, State Capitol, advised that he served as Acting Counsel to the Governor during the period 1968 through 1971 and in 1971 he was appointed by ROCKEFELLER to his present position. Mr. WHITEMAN advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an extremely honorable and straightforward man and has great respect for his administrative abilities. He advised that he has absolutely no reason to question ROCKEFELLER'S moral character or loyalty to the United States. Mr. WHITEMAN stated that he considers ROCKEFELLER an excellent choice for the office of Vice President of the United States and highly recommends him.

WHITEMAN stated that concerning the Albany South Mall, ROCKEFELLER did not circumvent the New York State Constitution. He stated that Albany County is constructing office buildings on State-owned lands and the State is paying rent to Albany County for these buildings. The original financing plan for the South Mall was proposed by the Mayor of Albany but because of the debt ceiling of the City of Albany the financing was taken over by Albany County. Mr. WHITEMAN stated that the general mechanism of financing State buildings by the selling of bonds by a particular county has been tested in the courts and found to be constitutional.

AL 161-965

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

ERASTUS CORNING, Mayor, a Democrat, advised that he has been the Mayor of the City of Albany, New York for over thirty years and that he has been a close personal friend of ROCKEFELLER since childhood.

CORNING stated that the State Civil Service Retirement System was interested in constructing office buildings in the City of Albany and then leasing these buildings to New York State.

In 1945, CORNING related that he approached then Governor THOMAS DEWEY with the idea of the City of Albany constructing office buildings within the city and then leasing these buildings to New York State. However, he added, Governor DEWEY was not receptive to this idea.

CORNING advised that early in the ROCKEFELLER Administration, ROCKEFELLER decided he wanted to have the State Office Buildings back in the downtown area. The State Legislature appropriated $20,000,000 to buy the site which is now known as the South Mall.

CORNING stated that the City of Albany went to court to get an injunction against the State of New York to stop the construction of the South Mall because it meant a displacement of 10,000 people and also that there was nothing in the plans at that time for the South Mall which concerned halls, museum, and so forth, which would benefit the City of Albany. However, Mayor CORNING'S objections to the South Mall were corrected when these objections of CORNING'S were completely satisfied by the State.

CORNING stated that after the State Legislature had purchased this land for the South Mall, the idea of the Mall laid dormant. CORNING stated that he then approached Governor ROCKEFELLER and advised Governor ROCKEFELLER that the City of Albany would be interested in the financing of the South Mall through the issuance of bonds.

CORNING added that he heard nothing from Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately two months at which time he again approached Governor ROCKEFELLER and again pointed out to the Governor that the City of Albany was interested

in getting the South Mall project underway and that the city was willing to issue bonds for the construction of the Mall. It was at this second meeting that Governor ROCKEFELLER became receptive to CORNING'S ideas and this resulted in the South Mall construction meeting.

CORNING related that it then became apparent that the issuance of the bonds for the South Mall by the City of Albany could better be handled through the Albany County Legislature, and, therefore, Albany County became the political body responsible for the issuance of the bonds.

Mayor CORNING exhibited a photograph of Governor ROCKEFELLER which had the inscription "To ERASTUS CORNING for his original ideas for the financing of the South Maul."

Mayor CORNING made available a copy of the official statement of County Of Albany, New York entitled, "$70,000,000, County Of Albany, New York, South Mall Construction (serial) Bonds, Series C," dated January 1, 1968, which is attached as an enclosure.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

Judge JOHN J. CLYNE, Albany County Court, advised that prior to making any statements concerning ROCKEFELLER he wished to state for record purposes that he is a Democrat and that his opinions concerning ROCKEFELLER are strictly personal. Judge CLYNE stated that he has associated with ROCKEFELLER since approximately 1955 on an infrequent basis and he has met with the nominee approximately six times. Judge CLYNE stated that concerning ROCKEFELLER'S moral character he only knows what has been printed in newspapers and made the statement, "the morals of today have changed." He described ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American but stated that "ROCKEFELLER does what is best for ROCKEFELLER" and he (ROCKEFELLER) is very concerned about his place in the sun. Judge CLYNE stated that he feels that ROCKEFELLER'S drug programs have been a disaster, noting that one billion dollars have been spent on drug rehabilitation matters but he cannot see any real results. Judge CLYNE stated that he compares the Albany South Mall, now known as the Empire State Plaza, to the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt building pyramids, only instead of using slave labor ROCKEFELLER uses the taxpayer's money. Judge CLYNE also advised that ROCKEFELLER perverted the law by appointing additional judges for the New York State Court of Claims and then used them to enforce his new drug program with mandatory life sentences for drug offenders. Judge CLYNE advised that the mandatory life sentence will probably be ruled cruel and unusual punishment and he feels that ROCKEFELLER'S handling of the whole drug-related situation has been ludicrous. Judge CLYNE made the observation that he thinks it is more than coincidence that the City and County of Albany which are Democratic strongholds have been investigated one way or another by the State Special Investigation Commission (SIC) four times in the past several years. Judge CLYNE stated that he "shudders" at the thought of ROCKEFELLER being associated with The White House and feels that ROCKEFELLER lacks principles and integrity. He described ROCKEFELLER as "clever". Judge CLYNE stated that he definitely does not recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

Judge CLYNE made the following observations concerning the Albany South Mall: He stated that the South Mall Project commenced with the State of New York condemning 98 acres of land in Downtown Albany. Approximately 10,000 people resided on these 98 acres of land. Judge CLYNE stated that Mayor ERASTUS CORNING

of the City of Albany was then faced with the situation of leaving these 98 acres of land barren or cooperating with the State of New York in the construction of the South Mall. Judge CLYNE stated that the Mayor originally "went into orbit" over the condemnation of the 98 acres of land and instituted a law suit in order to have the project stopped. However, the differences between the City of Albany and New York State were resolved. Judge CLYNE advised that the original financial arrangement of underwriting the cost of the South Mall by the City of Albany was the idea of Mayor CORNING. He stated that Mayor CORNING derived no personal benefits from this financial arrangement but he (the Mayor) wanted to do something with the land that was cleared. Judge CLYNE advised that the city's debt limit was such that the city could not handle the financing of the South Mall and consequently the cost was underwritten by Albany County. Judge CLYNE advised that at this time, which was in the mid 60s, he was County Attorney and de facto County Executive and therefore, was associated with the South Mall Project. Judge CLYNE stated that ROCKEFELLER did not circumvent the New York State Constitution pertaining to voter approval for large scale capital construction. He advised that ROCKEFELLER "did indirectly what could not be done directly" and he did not do anything illegal. Judge CLYNE advised that under Chapter 152, Laws of 1964 (New York State) which was enacted March 23, 1964, counties with a population of over 250,000 people containing a city of over 75,000 people could enter into an agreement with the State for construction of State facilities. Judge CLYNE stated that after this law was enacted is when Albany County played a role in the construction of the South Mall. Judge CLYNE offered the opinion that the New York State voters would probably have never approved a bond issue to finance the South Mall. Judge CLYNE stated that an agreement between the State and Albany County was negotiated during the period January through April of 1965. Judge CLYNE advised that he did not like the condemnation of 98 acres of Downtown Albany for the South Mall but once it was started he thought that it was a good idea. Judge CLYNE stated that he thought the South Mall would help the community, the construction industry, would become a tourist attraction and would insure that the majority of State offices remain in the Albany area. Judge CLYNE advised that he is all for the South Mall in view of the fact that there was 98 acres of nothing prior to the start of construction. Judge CLYNE advised that he does not feel that pressure tactics were employed by the ROCKEFELLER Administration for the financing of the Albany South Mall. He stated that both the City of Albany and Albany County would benefit financially by approximately $25,000,000 because of the South Mall.

NEGATIVE INTERVIEWS

The following individuals were contacted regarding their knowledge of the nominee. They advised that since they have no personal knowledge concerning him they could not make any valid comment.

RICHARD P. RIFENBURGH, President, Mohawk Data Science Corporation, Herkimer, New York.

CHARLES HOTALING, Acting President, Pioneer Savings Bank, Troy, New York.

WALTER SPEIDEL, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cohoes Savings Bank, Cohoes, New York.

DAVID J. SHURTLEFF, Vice President and General Manager, WSYR Radio and Television, Syracuse, New York.

MICHAEL J. CORKEN, Vice President and General Manager, WAST - TV, Albany, New York.

JOHN YOUNG, Broome County Democratic Party Chairman, Binghamton, New York.

RUTH POGER, Campaign Manager for THOMAS P. SALMON, Governor of the State of Vermont.

RAYMOND B. STEFANO, Democratic Chairman, Oneida County, Utica, New York.

MICHAEL J. BRAGMAN, Democratic Minority Leader, Onondaga County Legislature, Syracuse, New York.

JOHN W. BURGER, Herkimer County Republican Chairman, Ilion, New York.

ANN McGANN, Herkimer County Democratic Chairman, Ilion, New York.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], Motion Clerk, Court of Appeals, Albany, New York, advised after checking his records that NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as Governor of New York was the subject of suits instituted by [redacted] He stated that from the abstract record available to him, these suits were instituted in 1969 and 1970. In the information readily available, the suits were instituted in lower courts and were against the Governor of New York and other State officials to prohibit actions on their part in connection with their duties as promulgated by law or enactment of the Legislature. [redacted] advised from the information available to him that the suits were denied in the lower courts. Permission had been granted for appeal and the appeals were denied in those instances where the case was presented to the Court of Appeals. He advised that it would be necessary for a check to be made of the lower court involved to determine the exact details of the suits. He stated more than likely the suits could have been instituted in one county and jurisdiction transferred to another upon motion of either party. He advised that detailed information would be necessary before he could make available the necessary records of the suits. b6 b7C

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CREDIT AND STATE INCOME TAX CHECKS

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 27, 1974, at Albany, New York: b6 b7C

[redacted], Leslie's Albany Credit Bureau, advised she could locate no record for NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. [redacted], Manager, Leslie's Albany Credit Bureau, verified the fact that ROCKEFELLER has no credit record with his agency. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, at Albany, New York. b6 b7C

ALFRED L. GREEN, First Deputy Commissioner, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, advised that he regretfully cannot supply any information concerning ROCKEFELLER's New York State Tax, since this type of information is confidential under State law.

During the course of interview with NORMAN F. GALLMAN on August 22, 1974, former Commissioner, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, he advised that ROCKEFELLER was not delinquent in his New York State Income Tax. Mr. GALLMAN stated that he retired from his position in 1973.

Enclosure

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AUGUST 27, 1974

TO SAC SAN ANTONIO (161-774)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-6197)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REURTEL TODAY.

INTERVIEW [redacted] AS SOON AS HE IS AVAILABLE AND SUREP IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-27-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

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SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my previous memorandum dated today concerning the interview with Dr. James S. Murphy, Happy Rockefeller's former husband. That memo indicated that Supervisor John Warren in New York was going to contact Douglas to try to expedite the arrangements for this interview.

At 2:20 p.m. today Warren called SA D. H. Young and advised that he had just talked to Douglas who is in Washington, D. C. He stated that Douglas advised him he has discussed this matter with Governor Rockefeller this morning. He said that Governor Rockefeller pointed out that Murphy is presently residing in his, Murphy's, summer home in Seal Harbor, Maine, where he is a neighbor of the Rockefellers. Governor Rockefeller said that Seal Harbor is a very small place where everyone knows everyone elses business and he said he would appreciate it if we would defer any interview of Murphy until after Labor Day, 9-2-74, when Murphy will return to his permanent residence in New York.

Under the circumstances it appears that there is no other choice but to acquiesce with Governor Rockefeller's request. Warren was instructed to follow this matter with Douglas so that we can interview Murphy as planned after Labor Day as soon as possible.

ACTION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Callahan
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1 - Mr. Auerswald
1 - Mr. Young

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-27-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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At 12:20 p.m. today SA D. H. Young spoke to Supervisor John Warren in New York with regard to the interview with Happy Rockefeller's former husband, Dr. James S. Murphy. It is noted that Governor Rockefeller has advised that he or Mrs. Rockefeller have no objection to such an interview but had stated that he would like to be contacted beforehand so he could advise his wife who would advise Dr. Murphy the FBI planned to interview him.

Warren stated that he contacted Robert Douglas, Rockefeller's attorney on Sunday morning, 8-25-74, and requested that he contact Rockefeller and advise him we did desire to interview Murphy, so that Mrs. Rockefeller could so inform Murphy. Warren stated Douglas said he would try to reach Rockefeller Sunday and would advise Warren as soon as possible. On Monday morning, 8-26-74, Douglas sent word to Warren he had been unable to contact the Governor in this regard but would keep trying. Warren has not heard from Douglas since. It is noted that Douglas has been traveling a lot between Bar Harbor, New York, and Washington, D. C., since Sunday morning.

Warren was instructed to get in touch with Douglas and advise him we are operating under a very short deadline in this case and we want to complete this interview with Murphy as soon as possible. Warren stated he would do so at once.

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TO : Mr. [redacted]

DATE: 8-27-74

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

At 2:20 p.m. today Supervisor [redacted] called SA D. H. Young from New York. He advised that he had just been in contact with Robert Douglas, Governor Rockefeller's attorney, and, among other things, they had discussed the waiver from Governor Rockefeller's ex-wife, Mary Rockefeller, to review the sealed divorce records in Reno, Nevada. Douglas stated that Governor Rockefeller had advised him that he, Rockefeller, was getting in touch with his attorney, [redacted], who will contact Mary Rockefeller's attorney, Whitney North Seymour, Sr., to "pave the way" for the procurement of the waiver from Mary Rockefeller. Douglas said that Governor Rockefeller feels that the matter should be handled between the two attorneys. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he will follow this matter closely with Douglas so that the divorce records can be reviewed as quickly as possible. b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

DATE: 8-27-74

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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On late Monday afternoon, 8-26-74, Samuel Gillespie, New York City attorney representing Nelson A. Rockefeller, made available Xerox copies of individual Federal income tax returns for the nominee and his wife for the ten year period 1964 through 1973.

Mr. Gillespie advised that a summary statement had been prepared for inclusion in the FBI investigative report; however, this statement had been forwarded to Maine for review and approval by the nominee and would not be available until probably late afternoon Tuesday. Mr. Gillespie advised that they desired the access to these returns be limited to FBI personnel as there was concern that the information contained therein remain confidential. He pointed out that copies of returns for seven years were also being furnished Congressional Committees. Mr. Gillespie was advised that the returns would be reviewed by FBI personnel during the current investigation and information would be abstracted for inclusion in the FBI report which would be disseminated. He stated he understood this and had no objection to abstracted information being set forth in the FBI report.

The returns show that the nominee's gross income varied from $4.97 million in 1964 with Federal taxes paid of $1.69 million to $4.81 million in 1973 with $.76 million in Federal taxes paid. The returns are currently being reviewed in detail.

Mr. Gillespie advised that certain administrative problems had been encountered in preparing the other financial information requested by the FBI as the Governor's staff was split up at various locations throughout the east coast. His staff was gathering on 8-26-74 and procedures were being set up to review the financial information already prepared for the FBI and to initiate action to prepare other information that was not as yet available. He anticipated that additional financial

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statements would be furnished on Tuesday, 8-27-74, and working space for FBI personnel would be made available shortly in the offices of Rockefeller where they will be given access to the underlying records.

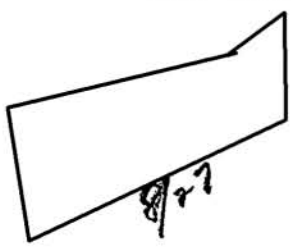
Three Special Agents are currently reviewing the tax returns and sufficient financial material is now available to justify arrival on Wednesday of other Special Agent accountants, previously approved, to work on this case. Section Chief Long will insure accounting personnel are notified to travel to New York for arrival on Wednesday morning.

At this time we are not in a position to furnish a projected completion date for the review of the nominee's finances; however, as soon as all material is available an overall program will be set up and an educated projection made.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: WASHINGTON, D.C. b6 b7C
Date: AUGUST 28, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-5674 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12-18-97 BY 9803 ROD/MSR

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Nominee's position as Chairman of the National Commission on Water Quality verified and favorable. Nominee's association with the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board verified thru former Chairman. Associates, political leaders, members of the news media, and labor leaders all recommend. Author VICTOR LASKY advised that he is a political adversary of the nominee but described him as competent, capable and a man of integrity. Interview with Colonel CURTIS B. DALL, Chairman, Liberty Lobby set forth. No record of nominee's property as being encumbered with any covenants pertaining to race, color, creed or religion. No record of any tax liens against the nominee. Investigation at the Library of Congress set forth.

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ENCLOSURES:

EXHIBIT A .....Liberty Lobby Letter to the President which appeared in the Washington Star News, August 14, 1974.

EXHIBIT B .....Liberty Lowdown #62, dated April, 1968.

EXHIBIT C .....Liberty Lobby News, dated August 21, 1974.

EXHIBIT D .....Liberty Letter #161, dated September, 1974.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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[redacted], Special Assistant to the Executive Director, National Commission on Water Quality, 1111 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. (WDC), was interviewed by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974:

[redacted] advised that he has two primary functions as Special Assistant to the Executive Director: He handles the relations with the national news media regarding the nominee's position as Chairman of National Commission on Water Quality and as former Governor of New York; and he is responsible for writing the final report of the above commission.

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He described the nominee as a man of great rectitude. He said the nominee is bright and capable of making a quick study of problem matters. He indicated the nominee is very thoughtful and considerate of his staff. He further described the nominee as diplomatic and possessing a capacity for understanding divergent points of view and yet having the capability to reconcile these differences. He stated the nominee is well-liked by his staff even though he disagrees with them at times. He indicated the nominee is also well liked by his fellow commission workers and supported this statement by advising that the nominee was elected Chairman of the National Commission on Water Quality at the first meeting of the Commission.

He indicated that the nominee had been appointed to the Commission by the President on March 15, 1973, and elected Chairman on May 15, 1973. He stated that the Commission was first named the National Study Commission and that name was changed on June 7, 1973, to its present name.

[redacted] advised that he unquestionably recommends the nominee for the position of Vice President.

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On August 28, 1974, U. S. Senator JENNINGS RANDOLPH, West Virginia, and Chairman Public Works Committe, U. S. Senate, advised SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN he has known the nominee politically for the past twelve years and has also known him socially and as a personal friend for many years.

The Senate Public Works Committee set up the legislation for the existence of the National Commission on Water Quality. The nominee has chaired this Commission since May 15, 1973, and he, Senator RANDOLPH, is a member of this Commission.

He described the nominee as being a very capable, innovative, resourceful person who is extremely dedicated to this type of public service.

He is a person of high integrity, has a broad understanding of America's problems and has an overriding concern to make a contribution to the Nation. He has great strength and Senator RANDOLPH believes the nominee will be a great asset to the Country, and recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On August 27, 1974, General MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, U. S. Army (Retired) advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee since approximately 1945 at which time the nominee was serving as Assistant Secretary of State for American Republic Affairs. He was acquainted with the nominee as Governor of New York State, when he (TAYLOR) managed the Lincoln Center. General TAYLOR served with the nominee for one year (1969 to 1970) on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. General TAYLOR was Chairman of that Board during that period and he stated that the nominee was highly knowledgeable in foreign affairs and a useful and effective member of the Board. General TAYLOR has always found the nominee to be an able, public-minded individual of impeccable character, reputation, and associates. He described him as a loyal American and recommended him without question for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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It is noted that the current Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Admiral GEORGE W. ANDERSON, JR., U. S. Navy (Retired), is currently out of the country and is unavailable for interview.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

FRANK WILLE, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, stated that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1960 when he worked for the nominee as an Assistant Counselor in Albany, New York. WILLE worked for the nominee in that capacity for approximately four years until 1964 when ROCKEFELLER appointed him Superintendent of Banks for the State of New York. He held this position from May, 1964 until April, 1970 when he became Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D. C.

During the period he worked for Mr. ROCKEFELLER, WILLE had frequent contact with him and found him to be a **very hardworking and thorough person. He stated that the** nominee is very active both intellectually and physically and that he thrives on activity. WILLE has seen the nominee function under situations of extreme pressure and has found him to be a person who is able to get to the heart of any problems which confront him.

WILLE further described NELSON ROCKEFELLER as an excellent person **to work for, stating that he always stands** behind his staff in any decisions they might make. He considers the nominee to be a man of the utmost loyalty and has an extremely high personal regard for him.

WILLE concluded by stating that he **is delighted to** see NELSON ROCKEFELLER nominated for the office of Vice-President and feels that he will be a person who will make many contributions to the National **interests of the United States.**

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PERSONAL ASSOCIATES

Mr. NELSON CRUIKSHANK, President, National Council of Senior Citizens, 1511 K Street, N.W., advised SA [redacted] on 8/27/74, that he has had an intermittent, working relationship with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for many years, primarily because of their work in the field of social security and social legislation. Mr. CRUIKSHANK noted that he himself, is a Democrat. He said he has always found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a very hardworking and dedicated American, who does what is best for the public interest. To his knowledge, Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, associates, reputation and loyalty have always been above reproach. The selection of Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President is a splendid choice, and Mr. CRUIKSHANK endorses him wholeheartedly.

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On August 27, 1974, SOL M. LINOWITZ, former Ambassador to the Organization of American States and currently Cochairman National Urban Coalition, 1 Farragut Square South, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee, Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, well for about ten years and is on a first name basis with him. They have associated socially, in business, and in quasi-governmental functions including the Commission on Critical Choices. Ambassador LINOWITZ and his wife also know the nominee's wife quite well. b6 b7C

Ambassador LINOWITZ has nothing but the highest respect, admiration and regard for the nominee describing him as a man of decency, integrity and honor. His patriotism and dedication are without question. Ambassador LINOWITZ is aware of no derogatory information at all about the nominee in any area. He is delighted that President FORD nominated Governor ROCKEFELLER for Vice President and adds his recommendations for the nominee to that position.

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On August 28, 1974, CHARLES E. GOODELL was interviewed by SA [redacted] at his law firm, Hydeman, Mason and Goodell, 1225 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Mr. GOODELL was formerly a Senator from New York. b6 b7C

Mr. GOODELL advised he has known the nominee politically since 1958. He was regularly associated with the nominee on a political basis during the years after 1959 when Mr. GOODELL was elected to the House of Representatives. From 1965 through 1968 Mr. GOODELL, while in Congress, worked closely with the nominee. When Mr. GOODELL was appointed to the Senate **in 1968,** he became close to the nominee not only politically, but personally as well. Their social association **also became close.**

Mr. GOODELL advised that the nominee is well qualified for the position of Vice President. He is aware of nothing in the background of the nominee that would disqualify him for the position of Vice President or President for that matter. Mr. GOODELL considers himself a personal friend of the nominee. They have had political differences which did not interfere with the respect they have for each other. Mr. GOODELL's relationship with the nominee as a friend, Congressman and Senator was on the highest level. He believes the nominee to be an honest and honorable man and is aware of no problems concerning him from a moral or personal standpoint.

Mr. GOODELL knows nothing about the financial affairs of the appointee or the financing of his campaigns.

Mr. GOODELL believes the character, associates, loyalty and reputation of the nominee to be beyond reproach. He recommends him for the position of Vice President and has **so advised President FORD.**

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1 POLITICAL LEADER

On August 26, 1974, ROBERT S. STRAUSS, Chairman, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee socially for many years. He noted that the nominee is highly qualified to fill the post of Vice President of the United States. He telephonically contacted the nominee on August 23, 1974, to wish him well in his new office. He stated he knows nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

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1 NEWS MEDIA

Mr. CLIFTON DANIEL, Bureau Chief, New York Times, 1920 L Street, N.W., advised SA [redacted] on August 27, 1974, that he has personally known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for approximately 15 years having first met him when he was elected Governor of New York State. He has known him professionally and socially and is also acquainted with his wife. b6 b7C

Mr. DANIEL has been a guest in the nominee's home and has attended numerous business and political conferences with him in New York City.

Mr. DANIEL advised that the nominee has worked and lived under the scrutiny of the public eye for some thirty-five years and he personally knows him to enjoy an excellent reputation. He endorsed the nominee for the position of Vice President without any qualification whatsoever and regards him as an excellent selection.

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On August 26, 1974, Mr. JOHN SANFORD LANG, Bureau Chief, "New York Post", National Press Building, Washington, D.C., advised SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR., that he does not know the nominee, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, and is therefore unable to make any comments regarding him.

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LABOR LEADERS

Mr. GEORGE MEANY, President, AFL-CIO, 815 15th Street, N.W., advised SA HUGH B. MC GAHEY on August 28, 1974, that he considers the nominee to be one of the best qualified persons in the United States for the position of Vice President.

He first met ROCKEFELLER about 40 years ago but only knew him casually until about 1940, when ROCKEFELLER came to Washington, D.C. (WDC) to work for the Federal Government in the Department of State. Mr. MEANY also stated he knew the nominee's father and had as high regard for him as he does for the nominee.

Mr. MEANY has maintianed a close personal and professional association with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the past 30 years. He knows the nominee's reputation, both personal and professional, to be of the highest caliber and his integrity and loyalty to the United States cannot be questioned.

Mr. MEANY believes that the nominee's many years of service in Federal and State governmental positions have afforded him the expertise and capability to fulfill the needs and demands required of the Vice President, and he would recommend him without qualification. He commented that ROCKEFELLER is a great, fine man and everything he knows about him is entirely favorable.

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On August 26, 1974, SA [redacted] contacted b6 b7C
ELLIOT BREDHOFF, Attorney at Law, law offices of BREDHOFF, CUSHMAN, GOTTESMAN, and COHEN, 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Mr. BREDHOFF advised that he handles legal matters for the United Steelworkers of America. He said he has had only casual contact with the nominee over the past few years. He considers him to be an upstanding, honest, and a nobly motivated man with an excellent reputation. The nominee has had wide experience in Federal and State Government matters. Nothing has come to his attention that would reflect unfavorably on his patriotism or personal habits. While Mr. BREDHOFF has had insufficient association with the nominee to make an in-depth appraisal of his traits and qualifications, he knows of no reason why the nominee should not be appointed Vice President of the United States.

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United Mine Workers of America (UMWA)
International Union
900 15th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

The following UMWA officials were contacted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, at Washington, D. C., and advised they are not personally acquainted with the nominee, NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER. They advised they have never heard anything which would detract in any way from his character, associates, reputation or loyalty and that they have no objection to his being confirmed as the Vice President of the United States: b6 b7C

ARNOLD MILLER, President, UMWA
MIKE TRBOVICH, Vice President, UMWA
[redacted] Secretary-Treasurer, UMWA b6 b7C

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1 MISCELLANEOUS

On August 26, 1974, VICTOR LASKY, Author, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised that he knows NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER but is not an intimate friend. He has been in the nominee's house on occasion along with a group of others. Mr. LASKY has followed Governor ROCKEFELLER's career and describes himself as a political adversary of Governor ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

Mr. LASKY, who has written many books of a political nature, advised he wrote the book "Arthur J. Goldberg; The Old and the New" when Governor ROCKEFELLER and former Supreme Court Justice ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG were running against each other in the 1970 New York Gubernatorial Election. Mr. LASKY stated he wrote the book at the suggestion of his attorney, JOHN WELLS, who was representing the organization, Literary Properties. WELLS is a member of former Secretary of State WILLIAM P. ROGERS' law firm in New York City. His reason for writing the book was to make money and with the campaign in progress, he felt it was a good time for the book to be written. Mr. LASKY advised the book was intended to "knock" GOLDBERG down politically, but that personally, he likes GOLDBERG. The book was based mostly on records and his personal research.

It was a legitimate enterprise, straight politics, and there was no connection with any political organization with regard to the writing or funding of this book.

Mr. LASKY knows nothing derogatory about Governor ROCKEFELLER. He last saw him at the Republican Convention in 1972. Mr. LASKY considers Governor ROCKEFELLER to be responsible, patriotic, competent, capable, loyal, and a good man of high integrity even though they have differed in the past in their political opinions. Mr. LASKY said that if he knew anything derogatory concerning Governor ROCKEFELLER, he would say so. He has no question about his character.

Mr. LASKY reiterated that to his knowledge, there is no connection between any political campaign and the book he wrote. Mr. WELLS would know more about the details of the publishing of the book.

Mr. LASKY stated that the book did not sell and he feels that had former Justice GOLDBERG won the election, the book would have been more popular.

It is noted that on August 14, 1974 the Liberty Lobby placed a full page letter in the Washington Star-News which is enclosed as Exhibit A.

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On August 27, 1974, SA [redacted] interviewed (Colonel) CURTIS B. DALL, Chairman, Liberty Lobby, 300 Independence Avenue, S.E., regarding a newspaper article which appeared in the August 14, 1974, issue of the Washington Star-News which opposed the selection of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States. Colonel DALL, as Spokesman for the Liberty Lobby, described his organization as being totally "pro-American". It is intended for the preservation of the "people's country" and is intended to preserve the United States as governed for, by and with the citizens of this country. DALL indicated that it would be a "national catastrophe" if the nominee were approved as Vice President of the United States. Because of ROCKEFELLER's vast dealings in international trade, particularly as related to the monopoly which he and CYRUS EATON, SR., have established in relation to trade with the Soviets and the Communist world, the Liberty Lobby vehemently opposes his selection. It is felt that his motives and purposes as related to the United States cannot be trusted.

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DALL pointed out that the efforts of ROCKEFELLER and EATON to spur trade with the Soviet Union, and the efforts of the International Basic Economy Corporation and Tower International, Incorporated, headed by ROCKEFELLER and EATON, respectively, are instruments of the nominee's intention to set up "an international one-world." Because ROCKEFELLER's vast uncalculated financial interests outside the United States are in apparent contradiction to the best interests of the American people, it is questioned how he could serve in the position of Vice President and possibly President of the United States without compromising the welfare and interests of the American people.

DALL also cited the Eaton-Rockefeller union as acting for the Amtorg Trading Corporation as its official agent in the United States. DALL provided the April, 1968, copy of "Liberty Lowdown" which quoted Former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) J. EDGAR HOOVER, who warned of Soviet efforts in utilizing Amtorg to further its espionage activities within the United States.

DALL also warned of ROCKEFELLER's association with HENRY KISSINGER and provided the September, 1974, issue of "Liberty Letter," which warned that President FORD's foreign policy, with the selection of the nominee to serve as Vice President would become that of ROCKEFELLER. As mentioned previously, Liberty Lobby maintains total mistrust of ROCKEFELLER's motives and interests in the economic sphere.

DALL indicated that a review of ROCKEFELLER's stewardship as Governor of New York State was contained in an edition of "Barron's Weekly" published earlier this year which revealed that over the period of 15 years which the nominee served as Governor of New York, taxes there rose approximately 500%. DALL advised he shudders at the prospects of ROCKEFELLER's pursuits in this area should he ever become President of the United States.

Liberty Lobby demands that the nominee give the American people a full and complete disclosure of all his business and financial affairs and allow the American people to determine where his loyalties and motives lie. Liberty Lobby and DALL, as its Chairman, vehemently oppose the selection of the nominee on political and economic grounds. He sees ROCKEFELLER as being almost exclusively ambitious for power and the ROCKEFELLER family as possessing almost unlimited influence in the areas of foreign trade and control of the media network within the United States.

It is noted that Colonel DALL provided three (3) pieces of literature pertaining to the Liberty Lobby which are enclosed as Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit D of this report.

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On August 28, 1974, [redacted], Captain, United States Navy (Retired) telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office (WFO), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and advised that he is a concerned citizen interested in seeing that a thorough investigation is conducted in connection with the nomination of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States. Captain [redacted] felt that he could offer leads of possible value in connection with the FBI investigation of the nominee. b6 b7C

[redacted] Captain [redacted] was interviewed at his home, [redacted], Bethesda, Maryland, on August 28, 1974, by Special Agents (SA) JOHN MINNO and [redacted]. Captain [redacted] stated that he served thirty years active duty with the United States Navy and upon his retirement practiced law. He is presently retired from his law practice and is active in civic affairs. He is Vice Chairman of the Committee for Constitutional Integrity which Captain [redacted] described as a small local non-partisan organization interested in the preservation of the United States Constitution and the interpretation of its written word. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] advised that he had done extensive reading concerning the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), whose headquarters are located on Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, and other groups, including various private foundations within the United States, and their direct influence on world policy. He stated that the nominee is a member of the CFR and directly involved in private United States foundations. He stated that the CFR holds occasional meetings and only disclose the topics discussed and agreements reached as they see fit. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] also advised that each year an organization called the Bilderberg Group meets and discusses items of international interest and that these meetings are completely secret. The Bilderberg Group according to Captain [redacted], was formed in the Netherlands in 1957 and derived its name from the Bilderberg Hotel, where the first meeting was held. [redacted] brother to the nominee, is a regular member of this group and Captain [redacted] stated that the nominee attends, "if he can get away". In addition selected members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives are invited to attend. The entire Bilderberg meeting is held in secret and the news media is excluded, according b6 b7C

to Captain [redacted]. He also explained that the Bilderberg Group is directly interlocked with the CFR and the various foundations in the United States. b6 b7C

Captain [redacted] stated that he does not know the nominee personally nor has he ever met him. He is making no accusations regarding the nominee, and his information concerning him was derived from his readings and research. He feels that if his research is correct and the nominee is directly connected with the making of secret international policy through his membership in United States foundations, and associations with the CFR and the Bilderberg Group, then he should not be confirmed as Vice President of the United States. If in fact such involvement is unfounded, then full proof should be shown to the American people. Captain [redacted] feels that this proof could be offered by these organizations by lifting their "veil of secrecy" and making public disclosure of all subject matter discussed and agreements reached at each meeting. b6 b7C

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On August 27, 1974, Mr. [redacted], Plant Examiner, Engineering Department, Government of the District of Columbia, advised SA [redacted] that the property known as [redacted], corresponds to Lot Number [redacted], Square Number [redacted], according to the records of his office. b6 b7C

On August 27, 1974, Mr. [redacted], Office of Finance & Revenue, Assessment Department, Government of the District of Columbia, advised SA [redacted] that Lot Number [redacted], Square Number [redacted], corresponds to the property located at [redacted] Foxhall Road, according to his records and that the owner of the property is listed as Mr. [redacted], Washington, D.C. (WDC). b6 b7C

On August 28, 1974, Mrs. [redacted], Office of Recorder of Deeds, Lots and Squares Section, Government of the District of Columbia, advised SA [redacted] that according to records of her office, Lot Number [redacted], Square Number [redacted], corresponds to the property located at [redacted] and the owner is listed as Mr. [redacted], WDC. She further advised that in order to ascertain if there were any covenants attached to the deed, it would be necessary to go to the Liber Room and advise them that the above named property has Liber Number [redacted] and Folio Number [redacted]. b6 b7C

On August 28, 1974, SC [redacted] made a review of Liber Number [redacted], Folio Number [redacted], which is the deed for the property which is located at [redacted], at the Liber Room, Bureau of Licenses and Deeds, and she determined that there is no record of the property being encumbered with any covenants pertaining to race, color, creed or religion. b6 b7C

On August 28, 1974, Mrs. [redacted], Office of Recorder of Deeds, General Documents Section, advised that there is no record of any tax liens by the Government of the District of Columbia against the nominee or Mr. [redacted]. b6 b7C

On August 28, 1974, SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the records at the Civil Dockets Section, U.S. District Court, WDC and was advised that no record of Federal tax liens could be located regarding NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER or [redacted]. b6 b7C

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A check of the Washington, D.C. area telephone directory failed to reflect a listing for [redacted]. b6 b7C

Investigation at [redacted] Washington, D.C. b6 b7C determined that this address is a large office building. There was no listing for a [redacted] in the directory located in the lobby of this building.

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On August 28, 1974, SC [redacted] reviewed b6 b7C
the main card index, at the Library of Congress, which revealed that the following books were written by the nominee:

"The Future of Federalism"
Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1962

"Medical Care For The Aged"
Social Security and Freedom of Choice
An address delivered to the state-wide conference, New York City, May 1, 1962,
Albany, State of New York Office Aging, 1962

"Public Papers of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER"
53rd Governor of State of New York, 1959

"Unity, Freedom and Peace";
a blueprint for tomorrow, by
NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, New York Random House,
1968

"ROCKEFELLER Report On Latin America"
The ROCKEFELLER report on the Americas;
the official report of a United States
Presidential mission for the Western Hemisphere,
by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, with an introduction
by TAD SZULC, New York Times ed. Chicago Quadrangle
Books, 1969

"Our Environment Can Be Saved"
Garden City, N.Y.
1st ed. Doubleday, 1970

On August 28, 1974, SC [redacted] caused a search to b6
be made of the Book Review Digest regarding the above named b7C
books and the following references were reflected:

"ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A. The future of
federalism. 83P $2.75 Harvard univ. press
321 Federal Government. International
organization 62-17224

"In refuting a 1939 aritcle by Harold Laski entitled The Obsolescense of Federalism, "Nelson Rockefeller, Governor of New York, here presents a strong case for the usefulness. (and) the necessity, of federalism in the modern world. Declaring that the Federal idea fosters diversity within unity, encourages creativity, is pluralistic in intention and balanced in practice. Mr. Rockefeller begins by giving examples of the ways in which federalism functions in American society today. Then, pointing out that federalism has aroused fear and hostility since the debate over the Constitution after the American Revolution, he describes the future promise of the notion for our society in the fields of social progress, economic growth, and political stability. Finally, again calling on historical precedent, Mr. Rockefeller suggests that the concept of federalism can achieve its most important success if it is applied boldly to the development of the nations of the free world....This book is based on the Godkin Lectures delivered by Mr. Rockefeller at Harvard in February 1962." (Publisher's note)

+Booklist 58:774 Jl 15 '62
Bookmark 21:260 Je '62 40w

"By turns realistic and hopeful, informative and urgent, these lectures form a book that is, foremost, a profound expression of concern for the future of free men. Often vigorous, sometimes eloquent. 'The Future of Federalism' is a brief but persuasive work clearly in the best tradition of American political writing. Walter Bilitz

+Chicago Sunday Tribune p2 Je 24 '62 320w
Foreign Affairs 41:223 O '62 30w
Reviewed by D. O. Kelley
+Library J 87:2905 S 1 '62 140w

"Every paragraph of the Governor's lectures refutes Laski's dire prediction and the cumulative effect is simply devastating...There are no snap judgments and not a single cliche can be found. W. E. Binkley

+N Y Her Trib Books p7 Jl 8 '62 410w
Reviewed by Lindsay Rogers
+N Y Times Bk R p10 Ag 5 '62 1050w

"ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A. The Rockefeller report on the Americas; the official report of a United States presidential mission for the Western Hemisphere; with an introd, by Tad Szulc of the New York Times. (New York Times ed) 144 p il maps $5.95; pa $1.95 Quadrangle bks.
327.73 U.S.-Foreign relations-Latin America. Latin America-Foreign relations -U.S. Latin America - Social conditions
LC 78-108447

"The report stated that 'the dangerously worsening economic, social and political situation in the Americas, including the recurring violence directed against the United States must be countered by massive shifts in public policy, including major trade and tariff concessions to the hemisphere, a reorganization of the policy-making apparatus in Washington, and military aid to combat subversion.'" (Publisher's note)

"A policy statement that resulted from a strife-producing tour by Governor Rockefeller and a full complement of advisors to Latin America during 1968. Its recommendations formed the basis for an assessment by the Nixon Administration of its policy toward Latin America. The report is basically a list of recommendations, and its discussion of problems is too brief to be informative...An important

document for those interested in analyzing U.S. policy toward Latin America."
Choice 7:943 S '70 110w

"It must be asked whether (some of these proposals are) fair to the American taxpayer... A particularly controversial aspect of Governor Rockefeller's plan for greater pragmatism is his recommendation that the United States be permitted to sell modern aircraft, ships, and other major military equipment to Latin American armies without the aid-cut penalities currently imposed....This question assumes an added dimension in the light of a new, highly distressing dilemma now facing the United States, one that is perceptively stressed in Tad Szulc's excellent introduction to this New York Times edition of the report... Can the United States pin her ultimate hopes for resistance against communism on military establishments that thrive on anti-Americanism?.... (Some of) the recommendations of the Rockefeller Report...are wise, but some...have been spawned from superficial and dangerously outdated logic."
Dan Kurzman
Sat R 53:30 Ja 31 '70 3250w

ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A. Our environment can be saved. 176p $5.95; pa $2.50 Doubleday
614 Public health--New York (State).
Environment
LC 73-126385

The factors--"economic, political, social--in dealing with air, water, and noise pollution; power needs; land use; solid waste disposal, and the availability and appreciation of culture are (considered) in this report by the governor of (the State of) New York...included is an Earth Day-type checklist of what the individual citizen can do, as well as lists of federal and state organizations and leading private organizations in the environmental field."
(Library J) Annotated bibliography.

"Addressed to the average voter in New York (this book) has fulfilled its primary purpose of helping re-elect the Governor to a fourth term. Any book **intended to influence a single** election is inherently limited in its usefulness. Future undergraduates may use it as a historical record, but it is hardly a proper introduction to the problems of our plundered environment. The Governor acknowledges the help of no fewer than 63 individuals and institutions, leading one to wonder how much was actually written by the Governor...Even though the record in New York is better than in most states, other recently published works...dispute anyone who paints a picture as rosy as does Rockefeller. (His) political tract thus becomes more important for what it does not say than for what it does."
Choice 7:1684 14 '71 260w

"At times the series of examples of what has been done, what needs to be done, and what will be done, take on the characteristics of a campaign polemic--i.e. progress is being made and N.R. has made significant contributions. On the other hand, there also emerges a realism (economic growth and environmental quality) based upon experience...Of special interest to New Yorkers. Recommended for large general collections and subject collections." H. O. Marcy
Library J 96:91 Ja 1 '71 160w

On August 28, 1974, SA [redacted] b6 b7C reviewed the following books at the Library of Congress with regard to their subject matter:

"Medical Care For The Aged"
Social Security and Freedom of Choice
An Address delivered to the state-wide conference New York City, May 1, 1962,
Albany, State of New York Office of Aging, 1962.

A 10 page address in which Mr. ROCKEFELLER calls New York State the pioneering leader in the critical field of caring for the aged. He calls New York State a model for other States to follow and outlines the progress that has been made in this field during his Administration. Mr. ROCKEFELLER states that after seeing the results of various studies he concludes that the Federal Government must head a national program for the aged in order to get meaningful results rather than letting a private insurance company handle the problem. He stated that he recommended such a plan at the Governor's Conference in Montana in 1960 and suggested that such a plan be financed under the Social Security Administration.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER goes on to outline the three basis flaws in the King-Anderson bill which was proposed by the Kennedy Administration and gives the reasons why his proposal is a better one.

"Public Papers of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER"
53rd Governor of State of New York
1959 through 1963.

A collection of numerous volumes containing all the public papers of Governor ROCKEFELLER during his tenure in office. Each volume corresponds to each year that ROCKEFELLER served as Governor.

"Unity, Freedom and Peace";
a Blueprint for Tomorrow, by

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NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, New York
Random House, 1968

A book which approaches the following problems that exist in the United States and offers Mr. ROCKEFELLER's aims at solving them: Peace with Honor in Viet Nam; security for friendly nations in Asia; the survival of Israel and a stop of Soviet expansion in the Middle East; unity in the West; new lives for the hungry in Asia, Africa and South America; civil rights and human rights at home as well as abroad; destruction of the slums and creation of new jobs; an end to the riots-and the down fall of those who preach violence; the fight against crime-and the rehabilitation of offenders to useful lives; the right of men and women everywhere to decent medical care; better education for the young; fulfillment for women in more meaningful roles; awareness of the arts; protection of our natural resources, clean air and pure water; a new concept of leisure; a rising tide of prosperity; a rising belief that peace is relevant not in soft meaningless generalities but in hard specifics of shared interest; arms control; a true sense of neighborliness and dignity among men and continents of all colors; and equality of all men under God.

The following article captioned "Rockefeller Must Make Full Disclosure" appeared in the Washington Star-News, Washington, D. C., on August 14, 1974.

EXHIBIT "A"

Dear Mr. President:

How can you even consider nominating Nelson Rockefeller as your Vice President?

Last Friday, after you took the Oath of Office, you said: "I expect to follow my instincts of openness and candor..." The Country breathed easier when you said that. Nothing is more sorely needed in American politics today than openness and candor.

And yet for weeks rumors and predictions have been rife in Washington and elsewhere that after Nixon was removed or resigned from office you would choose Nelson Rockefeller as your V. P.

We do not mean to imply that you have made any secret promises. But we are certain of this: if you truly

intend to "follow your instincts of openness and candor" in your Administration, you will begin by insisting that any man considered for the Vice Presidency give the American people FULL DISCLOSURE of his business and financial affairs!

We are certain you agree that the American people have had enough of deception, half-truths and lies from their leaders. Rockefeller is not sacrosanct and owes *full disclosure* to the people as much as any other politician.

The motivations of Nelson Rockefeller are, to put it charitably, extremely unclear. With his numerous international business interests, where does his loyalty lie? Why does he seem to be exempt from press criticism for possible conflict of interest?

The American people have a RIGHT TO KNOW:

1. FULL DISCLOSURE of his personal corporate holdings as well as

the holdings of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Standard Oil of New Jersey, the International Basic Economy Corp., the Rockefeller Foundation and more than 300 other corporations and foundations reputed to be owned or controlled by the Rockefellers;

2. FULL DISCLOSURE of any ownership and/or working control of the *New York Times*, Time, Inc., CBS, ABC and any other companies controlling the media which have a significant amount of control over them exercised by the Rockefellers or their agents;

3. FULL DISCLOSURE of the personal income of Nelson Rockefeller for the past 5 years and certified copies of his income tax returns. Is it true that on the average he pays less than 2% per year on his enormous income of millions whereas working men and women must pay an average of 25% of their nickles and dimes to the IRS?

4. FULL DISCLOSURE on the role of the Rockefeller oil empire in the huge rise of crude oil prices, and America's dependency on Saudi Arabian oil contrary to American interests;

5. FULL DISCLOSURE of any gold sales by the federal government or the Federal Reserve to Rockefeller interests in recent years.

Mr. President, we feel that Nelson Rockefeller could never be *elected* to the Vice Presidency because of widespread mistrust of his motives. To dispell this mistrust only *full disclosure* of his financial and business affairs will suffice. Do not begin your Administration by an act that will cast a pall of suspicion over everything you do in the future.

CURTIS B. DALL, Chairman

LIBERTY LOBBY
300 Independence Ave., S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

LIBERTY LOWDOWN

EXHIBIT B

A CONFIDENTIAL WASHINGTON REPORT SUPPLIED ONLY TO LIBERTY LOBBY PLEDGERS

April 1968
Number 62

NELSON ROCKEFELLER: COMMUNIST AGENT

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller wants to be President of the United States. Governor Rockefeller's socialistic views and left-wing approach to politics are well known. He has declared that racial rioting in the United States is "actually a sign of progress." He has demanded that the United States establish "intimate" relations with Red China. His book, The Future of Federalism, is a blueprint for world government.

Rockefeller's disloyalty to the Republican Party is equally well known. It will be recalled that, after his repudiation of Barry Goldwater in 1964, Richard Nixon referred to Rockefeller having gotten his "pound of flesh," and advised that there was no place for him in the leadership of the party. His personal life is such that the minister who married him to his second wife was officially censured by the Presbyterian Church.

More important, but hardly known at all to the American people, is Nelson Rockefeller's role as an agent for the Soviet Union. As unbelievable as this charge might seem, the facts document it beyond any doubt. In examining the fantastic record of Rockefeller's dealings with the Communists, it would be well to keep in mind the dictionary definition of "agent": "One who acts for or in the place of another by authority from him."

ROCKY THE RED TRADER

On January 16, 1967, readers of the New York Times were shocked to see a front page headline reading "Eaton Joins Rockefeller to Spur Trade with Reds." The story began: "An alliance of family banking fortunes linking Wall Street and the Midwest is going to try to build economic bridges between the free world and Communist Europe. The International Basic Economy Corporation, controlled by the Rockefeller brothers, and Tower International, Inc., headed by Cyrus S. Eaton, Jr., Cleveland financier, plan to cooperate in promoting trade between the Iron Curtain countries, including the Soviet Union, and the United States, Canada, and Latin America. The International Basic Economy Corporation was organized in 1947 under the principal direction of Nelson A. Rockefeller, now New York Governor." (emphasis added).

The Times pointed out that: "The joint effort contemplated by I.B.E. and Tower is seen as combining the investment skills and resources of the Rockefellers and the special entree to Soviet bloc officialdom that Tower enjoys largely as a result of contacts cultivated over the last 15 years by Cyrus S. Eaton, Sr. The elder Eaton has been an outspoken advocate of closer ties between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. He has backed his convictions by visiting Russia and entertaining high Soviet leaders including former Premier Khrushchev."

Cyrus Eaton, Sr., Nelson Rockefeller's pace-setter in blood trade with the Communist enemy, is notorious for his long and close friendships with Soviet leaders. He is the only private American citizen known ever to entertain top Soviet officials. In addition to having Khrushchev as a guest at his Ohio farm, Eaton found no difficulty in transferring his loyalty to Alexei Kosygin, the new Soviet Premier, whom he entertained at his Pugwash estate in New Brunswick, Canada.

As early as December 21, 1958, The Worker, official Communist publication in the United States identified Eaton as being responsible for arranging increased East-West trade. The Worker quoted with approval Eaton's suggestion that "the main responsibility" for forcing America's surrender to international Communism "lay with America's industrial giants. Were these business leaders to urge an accomodation with the Communist world, our Government would have but small choice to change its policy." If Nelson Rockefeller ever fulfills his consuming ambition to become President, Eaton will have free access to the White House at all times.

The sinister deal between Eaton and Rockefeller was described by Cyrus Eaton, Jr. as a "50-50 partnership." I.B.E. will be offered a 50 percent interest in any Red Trade deal Tower undertakes, including projects under way at the time the deal was made. Richard S. Aldrich, a vice-president and director of I.B.E., and a member of the Rockefeller family was quoted as saying that his organization's objective in entering Red Trade on a huge scale is "to improve the standard of living of the peoples of the world . . . An initiative that creates a commercial and industrial dialogue between the East and West cannot help but contribute to this end."

ROCKY AND SOVIET ESPIONAGE

The Times story referred to above revealed that, in December 1966, Tower International had reached an agreement with "Licensintorg," the official Soviet licensing and patent organization, covering future licensing and patent transactions. The Eaton-Rockefeller

combine was to take over the buying and selling of licenses and patents from the Amtorg Trading Corporation, innocently described by the Times as "the official Soviet agency in this country for promoting Soviet-American trade."

Cyrus Eaton, Jr. complained of the difficulty Amtorg's representatives in this country had encountered in trying to arrange agreements with American companies. "As you can imagine," Eaton said, "it is almost impossible for a Russian to walk into the research department of an American aerospace company and try to arrange the purchase of a patent." Eaton and Rockefeller are therefore generously relieving the Communists of this difficulty. Their Red Trade combine will act for Amtorg, by its authority, as its official agent in the United States. Recall the definition of "agent" given above! The Rockefellers and the Eatons will thus have monopoly control of American trade with the U.S.S.R., controlling both the American and Russian ends.

J. Edgar Hoover writes: "In 1924, Amtorg Trading Corporation (a Soviet government commercial agency) was established. This gave the Soviets their first 'legal' base for espionage operations. In this way persons and institutions in a country openly as representatives or agents of a foreign power have an ideal cover to fulfill their assignments of clandestine espionage." (Masters of Deceit, p. 274).

Again in 1959, in testimony before a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, Hoover warned of Soviet efforts to use Amtorg to obtain information from American businessmen "that would be of value to the Soviet bloc in their activities in opposition to this country." In answer to a question as to whether Amtorg still conducts and fits into the espionage picture, Mr. Hoover replied: "Amtorg fits into it 100 percent."

A hearing conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (Patterns of Communist Espionage, House Document #119, 86th Congress, 1st Session, 1959) revealed that Vassili M. Zubilin, Amtorg representative in the United States in the 1930s, had engaged in spying and espionage work. He later played a key role in the theft of atomic secrets from the radiation laboratory at the University of California. Alexander Barmine, a Brigadier General in the Red Army and high Soviet intelligence agent before defecting to the United States, told the HCUA that "...persons in Amtorg were used by the intelligence department and they were having foreign trade representatives as cover for them."

Are the profits of Red Trade so important to Nelson Rockefeller that he is willing to betray the Nation of which he aims to become President?

PROFITS IN BLOOD

The Rockefeller-Eaton partnership is indeed highly profitable. Lucrative luxury hotel ventures are under way or contemplated throughout Eastern Europe, in Belgrade, Warsaw, Sofia, Prague, and Bucharest. Cyrus Eaton, Jr. boasts that he has had "firm inquiries" from five Eastern European countries, including the Soviet Union, for the construction of ten rubber goods plants. "These people," says Eaton, "are setting up new automobile plants and know they have got to have tire factories." Equally shocking is the construction of a $50 million aluminum plant in Yugoslavia. And the Red Traders greedily eye further profits. After pointing out that, by the end of 1966, Tower had $7 million dollars worth of orders on its books from Hungarian industry, Eaton boasted that: "We think there is a potential trade volume with Hungary alone of $50 million a year."

These huge potential profits, it should be remembered, are a virtual Eaton-Rockefeller monopoly. Any other American businessmen so unpatriotic as to want to profit from trade with the enemy will have to cut these two official Soviet agents in handsomely. And it has been disclosed that the State Department is cooperating closely with Eaton and Rockefeller. An official of the Department's Office of East-West Trade has admitted, according to the Washington Observer (August 15, 1967), that all information relating to the business transactions of Rockefeller and Eaton with the Communists was strictly confidential, "because they must be protected from their competitors."

Another Rockefeller-Eaton operation, which apparently needs "protection" was revealed by a refugee from Communist Bulgaria. In that country, Tower and I.B.E. have contracted with the Communist government to sell chickens and mushrooms, raised by slave labor on collective farms, in the world market. They can undercut American prices, and have already taken the West German poultry market away from American exporters. In yet another outrage, Tower has been appointed official purchasing agent for the Hungarian government, and in the past two years has purchased vast quantities of American drugs, some of which have been transshipped to North Vietnam.

The Constitution of the United States (Article III, Section 3) defines treason as "levying war against /the U.S./ or...adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort." Can it be denied that providing the Communist enemy with food and drugs, aluminum and rubber plants, and vitally important foreign exchange, falls within the definition of "aid and comfort" to the enemy? Nelson Rockefeller's Communist partners have been responsible for the deaths of 20,445 Americans killed in action in Vietnam, as of March 23, 1968. They have been responsible for 65,517 other casualties. Only the technicality of the lack of a formal declaration of war prevents Rockefeller's trading in the blood of dead Americans from being actionable as treason.

NEWS

From LIBERTY LOBBY

Washington, D.C.
PHONE [illegible]

EXHIBIT C

LIBERTY LINE August 21, 1974

Hello, from Washington. This is LIBERTY LINE, a service of LIBERTY LOBBY to help make your influence count. I am Curtis Dall, Chairman.

As a public service, LIBERTY LOBBY addressed an open letter to President Ford concerning the possible nomination of Nelson Rockefeller in a full-page ad, August 14th, in the Washington Star-News.

The response to that message was enormous!

We had hoped that President Ford would ponder long before reaching a decision concerning the Vice-Presidency. Regrettably, his choice bodes no good for the American people, the Republican Party, or Nelson Rockefeller himself -- as his views are widely distrusted!

LIBERTY LOBBY's open letter urged President Ford (if he nominated Rockefeller) to insist upon a full disclosure of his business and financial holdings, including his role in the Rockefeller oil empire which has almost doubled oil and gasoline prices recently, and a full disclosure of all factors bearing on his loyalty to this country in the face of his admitted foreign ideological leanings and his vast international holdings!

Informed sources maintain that Nelson Rockefeller is the "Father" of the sly 25th Amendment which enables him to be NOMINATED for the V.P. post without having to stand for defeat at the polls!

The American People have a right to know these facts before possible confirmation by Congress! Fortunately, every legislator must stand up and be counted! Election Day is not far away!

Furthermore, people know the danger from vast monies now, reportedly, scattered about on Capitol Hill and in our news media, to acquire that which is not possible by way of the ballot!

The Louisiana Purchase in 1803 brought great good to this country, but a "Presidential Purchase" in 1976 by Rockefeller will bring it great harm from a well-planned, thinly-veiled, financial Dictatorship! Tell this to your legislators!

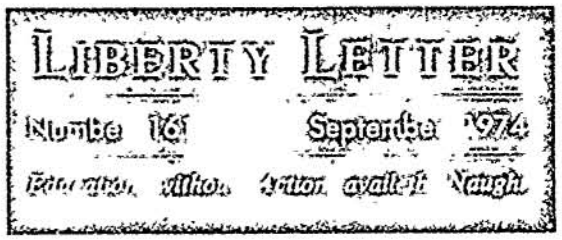
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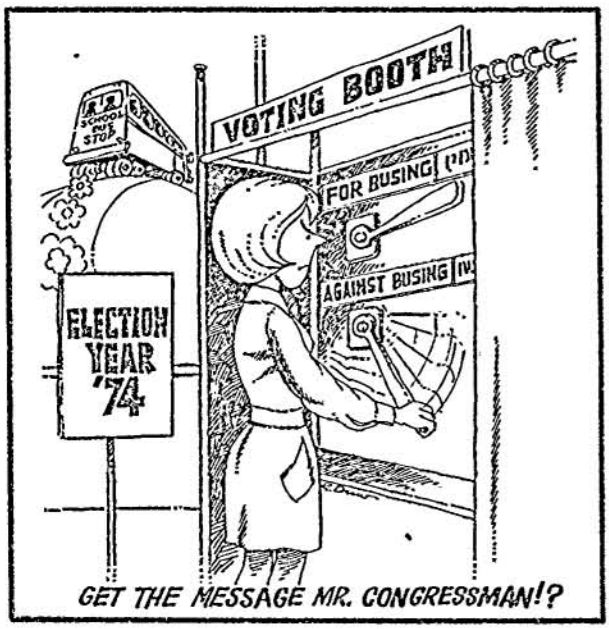
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BACK-TO-SCHOOL BUSING



Congress Reports "Toothless Tiger"; H.E.W. Orders More Busing; Citizens Demand Freedom of Choice

The Supreme Court, Congress and the news media have succeeded in pulling the wool over the taxpayer's eyes again. The newspapers would have you believe that the Supreme Court has ended forced busing for racial integration. The Senate would have you believe that Congress has ended forced busing.



Actually nothing at all has ended.

Busing to force racial integration will not only continue this fall—but actually in some places will INCREASE by order of the ever-more-powerful Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Rep. Joe D. Waggonner, Jr. (D-La.) explained the Supreme Court action: "This Detroit decision means absolutely nothing . . . It simply means that the Court is not ready to order busing. **It does absolutely nothing to prohibit busing.**"

But the House did pass a strong anti-busing bill that lost in the Senate by only one vote. Then the bill went to conference. Three times the House passed a motion instructing the Joint Conference to report only the House strong anti-busing language.

The conference reported the bill with the Senate language, rather than H.R. 69. Congressman Waggonner called the outcome a "toothless tiger." Rep. Earl F. Landgrebe (R-Ind.) declared the bill provides "one ounce of federal support, one pound of federal regulations and a ton of federal government and education bureaucracy."

And on the heels of all this, H.E.W. began ordering busing with the carrot of federal subsidy—and the stick—withdrawal of that necessary subsidy from districts not complying with H.E.W. directives.

Why? Who wants busing? The Gallup poll reported that only 5% of the American people want busing. . . . The National Black Congress opposes it. . . . Every thinking American opposes it. With the threat of another energy-short winter ahead, no one can seriously support busing, which will waste more than 1,219,271 gallons of ever-more-costly gas this school year alone.

BUSING IS A BAD TRIP!

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Make busing a campaign issue for this election year. If your legislators will not support tough anti-busing legislation, elect new ones who will.**
- **Write your newspapers and call radio talk shows, stressing the importance of freedom of choice.**
- **Organize local committees for better education and no forced busing.**

REMEMBER—YOUR INFLUENCE COUNTS . . . USE IT!

EDITORIALS

FORD'S FOLLY

With rhetoric symbolic of the campaign trail, President Ford promised the American people a new era of honesty and fiscal sanity. He had most of us going with him until he selected Nelson Rockefeller as his V.P. The former New York Governor is himself part of the serious problem facing this Nation.

He has advocated, and continues to advocate, trade with the communists, even to the detriment of the U.S. He has refused to disclose his vast holdings so they might be measured in terms of American foreign policy and he is the original "patron" of Henry Kissinger. You can be sure Kissinger's, and thus Gerald Ford's, foreign policy will be Nelson Rockefeller's.

As we go to press it appears as if there may be time to fight Ford's folly. If he has not been confirmed by the time you get this, and if you value honest government, you will make your feelings known to Congress to reject Nelson Rockefeller.

TRAGEDY OF NIXON

The great American tragedy of Richard Nixon is a needless tragedy that could have been avoided if people had not taken him at face value.

The truth is there has never been a "new Nixon" or an "old Nixon." It has been the same Nixon from the start. Since the day he started in politics as a student of Murray Chotiner he has been a student of the

CHAMELEON SCHOOL

of politics—to try and be all things to all men. Knowing that people want an image rather than reality, he has been nothing but an actor. He was an actor before he went into politics and he remained an actor throughout.

People like to be fooled. They want a political fraud. The reality of Nixon was always there—it took little skill to see that as a practice he always did the opposite to what he said—but it was a lot easier to believe his honeyed words than to suffer the shock of the reality.

Thus, LIBERTY LOBBY has been bitterly criticized throughout the years because we always told the truth about Nixon. We never supported him, contrary to the Buckley-led "responsible conservatives" who are mainly responsible for foisting him off on the public. They would not have to change their positions so often on issues if they derived their stand from the facts rather than from political expediency. We urged Nixon to resign last January.

THE MORAL IS CLEAR

—beware of political frauds. Look behind words, smiles and promises. Check the record, don't accept excuses. And be careful what "authorities" you accept.



"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it returned after many days." Ecclesiastes, XI, 1

WHO WAS RIGHT?

On July 23 the news media was all aflutter about Cyprus. According to the so-called "free press," some nasty Greek generals had thrown out a nice man named Archbishop Makarios and since overthrowing pro-Communists is something that the Internationalist Establishment can't stand, something had to be done.

So in unison the "free press" brayed like a wounded jackass against the nationalist Greeks on Cyprus and in Athens. They had to go, it was unanimously agreed. But

LIBERTY LOBBY

looked at it differently. In an emergency broadcast, carried on all of the Mutual stations (but not on the stations not connected with the Mutual wire) Bob Bartell pointed out some hard facts:

"The liberal media would have you believe Greece sponsored a takeover on Cyprus but the opposite is true. Greek Cypriots successfully revolted against Archbishop Makarios, a Marxist whose government was rapidly disintegrating. The bloodthirsty Turks have been eyeing Cyprus greedily for centuries and have now decided this is the time to capture the island. . . . The Bilderbergers think the time is ripe to sponsor a left-wing coup in Greece and the U.S. government has cut off all aid. . . .

Well, you've seen what has happened.

WHO WAS RIGHT?

Was the Internationalist Establishment and their puppet press right about Cyprus? Or was LIBERTY LOBBY right?

We think that this vividly shows how important our radio show is. All too often, listening to the big networks will mislead and confuse you. Truth is a rare commodity, and many people have said that you'll hear more of it in five minutes of "This is LIBERTY LOBBY" than in the rest of the day.

ENDLESS EMERGENCY?

Liberal Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.) deserves congratulations from all Americans for his alert objection to Armed Services bill H.R. 13320.

This bill calls for the extension of Presidential "emergency powers" under the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950. As Aspin asserts, "Under the terms of this bill the President can declare a Civil Defense Emergency whenever he says an attack against the U.S. is anticipated. Whenever the President declares such an emergency, he is empowered to impose total censorship on all media, control farms and food processing, regulate all traffic, including that on public roads, freeze wages and the movement of workers from one job to another, freeze bank accounts, close stock exchanges, draft engineers and scientists into government service, seize private property, suspend judicial review and spend public funds without Congressional authorization."

Aspin warns, "What makes this bill so dangerous is that it does not even discuss what qualifies a national emergency." We wonder whether Watergate has taught any other Congressmen the dangers of delegating unlimited power to the President.

We salute Congressman Aspin for spearheading possibly the most substantial Congressional discussion since 1950 of the validity of Executive Orders.

(For more on this subject, see LIBERTY LOBBY's pamphlet *Executive Orders—Blueprint for Dictatorship*, 10 copies for $1.00; 100 for $5.00.)

Birthday Party Planned

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (LLNS)—A gala celebration of the 20th Anniversary of LIBERTY LOBBY is being planned.

The "birthday party" will be held in Los Angeles, Mar. 7-8, 1975, in conjunction with the Washington institution's Fourth National Board of Policy Convention.

A featured event will be a testimonial banquet for Col. Curtis B. Dall, Chairman of LIBERTY LOBBY.

LIBERTY LOBBY was founded in San Francisco in 1955. Following its Original Plan, it was soon set up in Washington as the original "people's lobby." True to its concept, it has remained totally independent of any "establishment" faction or interest, supported entirely by members and subscribers.

LIBERTY LOBBY's Official Policy—which is set by its 25,000-member Board of Policy—has not veered in 20 years. In fact, every day shows how far-seeing LIBERTY LOBBY's Policy has been. And every day, more and more Americans recognize this to be true.

Additional details concerning the event will be announced in the weeks to come

LIBERTY LOBBY Testifies On Broadcast Licensing

WASHINGTON, July 23 (LLNS)—Robert M. Bartell, commentator on "This Is LIBERTY LOBBY," testified today on broadcast licensing before the Senate Communications Subcommittee.

He sharply criticized the "Fairness Doctrine" of the FCC, pointing out, "The Fairness Doctrine *sounds* fair. In practice, however, it means that every time America is praised over the air, equal time must be given to condemn it; every time crime is condemned over the air, equal time must be given to praise it; every time Christ is mentioned favorably over the air, equal time must be given to deny Him."

In response to questions, Bartell told the subcommittee, "What American would not be incensed if a newspaper were told by a government agency that its headlines were too big, or it carried too many commercials on the comic page? Free speech is like being pregnant — either you are or you aren't. When a broadcaster is afraid to allow an individual or an organization on his station for fear he will be required to give away expensive air time, he can hardly be faulted for protecting his livelihood. However, every time it happens, free speech dies a little."



Mr. Bartell

Board of Policy members may have a free copy of Bartell's statement by sending a stamped, addressed No. 10 (4⅛" x 9½") envelope, marked FCC.

Letterettes . . .

The American Legion's dumbest stunt in a decade was its award last month of a Distinguished Service Medal to Henry Kissinger at its Miami Beach convention. Curiously this came at the same time that Rep. LaMar Baker (R-Tenn) and others have been privately interviewing Col. Michael Golinewski, KGB defector, regarding his sworn testimony that Kissinger was a Soviet secret agent.

In the last week of August LIBERTY LOBBY placed ads in all Maryland newspapers telling voters of the secret Bilderberg meeting attended in Megeve, France, by Sen. Charles McC. Mathias. Theme of the ad: Does Mathias feel that his oath of secrecy to the Bilderbergers overrides his oath of office? Mathias has refused to answer what he did in Megeve and who paid his way.

The current issue of *Liberty Lowdown* is the fifth and last in a series on the April Bilderberg meeting. A wealth of information is in these five issues.

LIBERTY LIBRARY

LAST MONTH Liberty Library offered to *Liberty Letter* subscribers the Basic Survival Pack containing survival food designed to feed a family of four for three months or one person for a year with nutritionally balanced food.

Now, here is a new product devised and manufactured by Robert B. DePugh, former head of the Minutemen, who served several years in jail for his extremism in the defense of liberty.

Everyone hopes it will never happen, but history shows that intense disasters befall nations who have allowed liberalism and internationalism to drain national unity. And when disaster strikes America —as it will—only those with foresight to prepare for it will survive.

In 1971, DePugh was arrested on trumped-up charges by the liberal establishment. He fled underground to avoid incarceration as a political prisoner. While underground he became vitally aware of the necessity for a food product for persons who must travel light and live on whatever substance they can carry with them for weeks or months at a time. Because by profession he is a chemist, DePugh saw the need for a high-energy food concentrate.

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LIBERTY LOBBY offers this unique product at the price of only $6.50 for a 15-day supply. In an emergency, the supply will last twice as long.

If you believe that troubled times lie ahead as the payoff for 60 years of totally irresponsible liberal-internationalist misrule, then the keynote of tomorrow is survival, and an investment in Minutemen Survival Tabs is a wise one.

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Please send me ..... BUSING IS A BAD TRIP bumper stickers (50c each; 3 for $1; 10 for $2.50) I enclose $.....

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Radio Victory

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (LLNS)—"Despite a multi-pronged attack launched around the Nation by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, our daily radio program, 'This Is LIBERTY LOBBY,' is now heard on more stations than ever before."

This report was issued by Col. Curtis B. Dall, Chairman of LIBERTY LOBBY's Board of Policy, in answer to numerous queries by concerned members. He added, "The ADL hoped to stifle our voice of freedom. That they could not intimidate radio station owners is a victory for free speech —and for LIBERTY LOBBY."


Col. Dall

"This Is LIBERTY LOBBY" began broadcasting in March, 1973, on 17 stations. The latest count is 187, with more being added weekly. Alaska and Hawaii are expected to begin carrying the program in the near future, giving the hard-hitting and controversial program exposure in 46 states.

Dall stated that the progress was due mainly to the energetic action of members of LIBERTY LOBBY whose support for the program at the local level has persuaded numerous stations to carry the program in spite of threats from anti-freedom-of-speech organizations.

An up-to-date Radio Log showing all stations carrying "This is LIBERTY LOBBY" may be obtained upon request.



ANTI BUSING RALLY

An enthusiastic crowd of several hundred heard L. A. Hooser, LIBERTY LOBBY Legislative Aide, denounce forced busing in Louisville, Ky., on Aug. 5 as against the best interests of quality education.

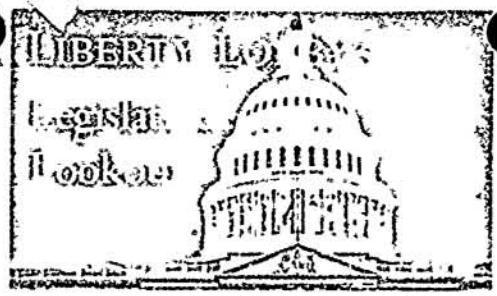
Hooser outlined some of the evils accompanying forced busing: decline in attendance and educational achievements, increase in violence and imposition of new taxes to cover the higher costs of transportation.

Concerned Parents, Inc., the local sponsoring group, is actively promoting both the bus boycott and legislative action to combat forced busing. In addition, they plan to file a court suit on behalf of the Constitutional rights of those who would be hauled away from home, using the waiver approach which LIBERTY LOBBY has long advocated. Under this plan the parents sign a formal waiver of their "Constitutional rights" to have their children bused.


Mr. Hooser

On the eve of a new school year, Hooser also outlined other significant developments:

- In Brooklyn, N.Y., when the Canarsie School Board attempted to bring in black students from outside the community, 7,015 out of 8,736 students stayed away. A similar boycott about four months earlier kept an average of 9,000 out of school daily. Finally the Board relented and promised to phase out the busing program.
- In San Francisco, George Earl refused to have two of his children bused away from home. After several weeks of controversy, the Board agreed to allow them to attend the neighborhood school.
- NAACP has admitted it is not interested in better education for children, only in integration. It is pushing federal court orders for racial busing in Boston, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Denver and Louisville, among other large cities. The NAACP has just received large grants from the tax-exempt Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations to promote more busing.



Land Use—Although federal control of land has been defeated twice this year (see p. 1, *Liberty Letter* 159), those dedicated to this concept never give up. Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) and 11 others have introduced H.R. 16028, appropriating $850 million to set up a new land use control bureaucracy. Urge your Representative to oppose this bill.

Foreign Born President—S.J. Res. 137, which would amend the Constitution to allow a foreign born person to be President of the U.S., has moved past hearings and could be slated for Committee action at any time. Unless you want Henry Kissinger to be President, be sure your Senators know you oppose this.

Child Control—Another child control bill has been introduced after President Nixon vetoed a similar measure in the last Congress. S. 3754 (Sen. Walter Mondale, D-Minn.) would give the federal government control of children and burden taxpayers an additional $500 million in 1976 and $1 billion in 1977 to set up this control program. Urge your legislators to defeat this socialism.

Vitamins—S. 2801 (Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis.) would restrict FDA from limiting potency, number, combination, amount or variety of any synthetic or natural vitamin, mineral or other nutritional substance or ingredient of any food for special dietary uses if the amount recommended to be consumed does not ordinarily render it injurious to health. Urge your Senators to support this measure.

Nuclear Technology — Under H.R. 15582 (Rep. Melvin Price, D-Ill.), Congress could concur in or disapprove international agreements for cooperation in nuclear technology. This may help to stop further giveaways against U.S. interests, and deserves your support.

I.M.C. Sunk

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. (LLNS)—The IMC Mint Corp., one of the largest private silver mints in the US., has filed for bankruptcy, listing $3 million in debts and less than $100,000 in assets.

Informed sources said that the disaster was caused by speculation in silver futures by company officials, using customers' money. The mint had advertised widely in many "conservative" publications and thousands of would-be investors lost everything.

Eagle Flying

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (LLNS)—A spokesman for LIBERTY LOBBY said today that the Silver Eagle medallion, developed last year as a hedge against inflation, is selling well. A large stock of Eagles are now on hand, ready for immediate delivery.

The spokesman pointed out that the unique redemption guarantee of the Eagle insulates investors from losing more than a small amount at worst. And chances are that the next two years will see the price of silver soar well above present levels, which should provide investors in the Silver Eagle with a handsome profit.



The Eagle now sells for $8.80 each, plus 20¢ surcharge to Board of Policy Members for handling, insurance and delivery, or 70¢ to non-members. The redemption guarantee is $6.50.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR: We are certainly getting much reaction from LIBERTY LOBBY. They talk about it for an hour following the show.

H. GEORGE CARROLL
General Manager, KRDS
Phoenix, Ariz.

EDITOR: CBS radio on its 3 p.m. CDT broadcast of June 12 played a tape of Sen. Henry Jackson's poor-loser comment on the defeat of the Land-Use bill. Jackson said all you have to do was to look at who was working against land use: "LIBERTY LOBBY, which is as far out on the right wing as you can get."

I cheered. In fact, I held the steering wheel with my knees while I clapped hands. Good for you.

JIM WARE
Baton Rouge, La.

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Synopsis: Political leaders, labor leaders, numerous New York State Senators and Assemblymen, as well as public officials, representatives of the news media, and law enforcement officials, recommend NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for confirmation as Vice President of the United States. Those who know the nominee well variously describe him as an enormously energetic public servant, perceptive, practical, extremely able, reliable administrator, of unquestioned integrity, dedicated, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, devoted, frank, open, "a splendid American citizen", and one who is sensitive to the needs of minority groups. PERRY DURYEA, Speaker, New York State Assembly, characterized the nominee as a person who had to have his own way, and did not hesitate to bring pressure to attain ends, had reputation in Albany of being "ladies man" and in regard to his, DURYEA's, indictment for allegedly contributing his campaign funds to the Liberal Party, stated issue had been previously decided, and stated ALFRED SCOTTI headed investigation and could supply any evidence of ROCKEFELLER's pressure if such exists. DURYEA would vote for confirmation, although there are others for whom he would cast a more enthusiastic vote. [redacted], accused nominee of engineering indictment of [redacted] for alleged illegal action procedures, and could not recommend. SCOTTI's comments set out. HERBERT A. POSNER, New York State Assemblyman, advised he made public accusation on 8/13/69 to the New York State Commission of Investigation that nominee bought off vote of Assemblyman by appointing him to Civil Service Commission. Also, brought three law suits against nominee for "abuse of executive power." Details set out. POSNER would tell President FORD, "Make sure you keep NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER in his place." From political standpoint, POSNER considers nominee the best choice.

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[redacted] Special Assistant to Attorney General, advised one [redacted], under investigation for narcotics law violations, was a "honcho" in Italian-American Civil Rights, and had photograph taken with ROCKEFELLER. Difficulties encountered in ROCKEFELLER's office in obtaining this photo, and unknown attorneys surrounding ROCKEFELLER, tried to put pressure on them not to obtain photo. Stated photo was obtained, but not used, and was returned to ROCKEFELLER's office. HERBERT J. MILLER, Assemblyman, stated ROCKEFELLER participated in many "power plays" and "corrupted more people than all lobbyists together." However, he feels ROCKEFELLER is best qualified to be Vice President.

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DETAILS

I. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF NOMINEE

On August 23, 1974, and August 26, 1974, Mr. [redacted], law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy, Midtown Office, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, made available the identities of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER'S immediate family members, who are as follows: b6 b7C

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
Married MARY TODHUNTER CLARK
June 23, 1930, divorced March
16, 1962, [redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
812 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

Children by NELSON A. and MARY TODHUNTER CLARK

[redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted]

MICHAEL CLARK ROCKEFELLER
Born May 18, 1938, deceased
November 19, 1961.

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Children by NELSON A. and MARGARETTA FITLER MURPHY

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Children of [redacted] b6 b7C
By a Previous Marriage

[redacted]

The following information pertains to nominee's children and their current residences. Included are the grandchildren of the nominee and the dates of their birth:

[redacted]
North Tarrytown, New York 10591

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The nominee's brothers and sister, who identities are set forth below, are as follows:

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II. INTERVIEWS OF POLITICAL LEADERS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted], Banker, Committee for the Election of Wilson-Caso, Republican County Committee of Westchester County, [redacted], White Plains, New York, advised that she has known the nominee since 1958, mainly through her brother, MALCOLM WILSON, who is presently the Governor of the State of New York. She said that she has been able, through her brother, to see how the nominee operates and described the nominee as a sincerely dedicated individual who works long and hard for the good of the people. She further described him as a very civic minded and devoted individual who surrounded himself with people of high integrity. She added that she has never heard anything that would compromise his personal integrity and she never heard anything connected with a campaign of the nominee that had anything to do with "dirty tricks." She also stated that there is no question concerning the nominee's character, loyalty or reputation and she highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, MARIANN GRANOWITZ, Vice-Chairman of the Republican County Committee of Westchester County, White Plains, New York, advised that the current Chairman of the Committee, JAMES O'ROURKE, is presently on vacation and unavailable for comment. She said she personally has known the nominee since 1958, when he ran for Governor of New York State. She said she has always been impressed with the efficient way the nominee handles campaigns and she knows there has never been the slightest hint of any scandal connected with his campaigns. She said she only knows the nominee through the political process but she never heard anything that would compromise his personal character or reputation. She further described him as extremely loyal and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On August 22, 1974, [redacted], Executive Assistant to the Co-Chairman, Democratic Party of Westchester County, [redacted], White Plains, New York, advised he is not personally acquainted with the nominee and the only comments he has are concerned with the nominee's reputation. Mr. [redacted] stated that nothing has ever come to his attention that would hint of any scandal, either politically or personally, concerning the nominee. Mr. [redacted] stated that within Democratic circles the nominee is highly respected for his personal integrity and fairness. He said although they have political differences with the nominee most Democrats that he has talked to believe he has been and is a good man. He stated that based on the reputation of the nominee he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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On August 22, 1974, MIRIAM JACKSON, First Co-Chairman of the Democratic Party of Westchester County, White Plains, New York, advised that the Chairman of their party in Westchester County is presently on vacation and unavailable for interview. She stated that his name is MAX BERGING. Mrs. JACKSON stated that she has a personal dislike for the nominee because of his adverse stand on humanitarian issues but this in no way reflects on his personal integrity. She stated further that everything she has heard about the nominee is of a positive nature in regard to his honesty and efficiency, but again she repeated that she personally thinks there is probably a better choice for a high government position that he aspires to. Mrs. JACKSON further stated that she has never heard anything derogatory concerning the nominee but she felt she could not make any sort of recommendation concerning the nominee.

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On August 23, 1974, EVERETT GREINER, Chairman of the Liberal Party in Orange County, was contacted at his office, located at 163 Liberty Street, Newburgh, New York.

He advised SA [redacted] as follows: b6 b7C

He has known the nominee for approximately four years. He has always found him to be an individual of integrity and honesty who possesses a fine reputation. He stated that he has no reason to question the appointee's loyalty to this country and recommends him for the position as Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, Mr. VINCENT ALBANO, [redacted], New York, New York, advised that he is Chairman of the New York County Republican Committee and also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Century Bank. He said that he first met the nominee in approximately 1958, and has had continuous contact with him on a political basis since that time. He stated that he has found him to be an extremely honorable, trustworthy individual who is very competent. He described him as a compassionate human person who is sympathetic to minority groups and understanding of urban problems. He stated, however, at the same time he is extremely fair and always acts for the overall good of the entire populace. He said that he has been a dedicated public official in New York State, that his loyalty to the United States is beyond question, and that he could not suggest anyone who would be better fitted to be Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, MELVIN KLEIN, [redacted] Avenue, Far Rockaway, New York, advised that he is Chairman of the Queens County Republican Committee, that he has held this position for the past two years, and that he has been active in politics for many years. He said that through this activity he has known the nominee very casually, but from his observations he has concluded that he is a very capable individual of great integrity and foresight. He said that he has no reason to question his loyalty to the United States and that he looks upon his nomination as Vice President as being very good for the country. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Mr. ROBERT WEAVER, Distinguished Professor of Urban Affairs, Hunter College, 68th Street and Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he was formerly Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the United States Government and also b6 b7C

held state and city positions involving public housing. He said that he never worked for the nominee but that he has known him on and off for approximately 20 years and their relationship has been primarily of a professional nature. He said that he has sat in on various conferences with the nominee and has found him to be a very competent person and a man of integrity who is entirely loyal to the United States. He said that he feels that his selection as Vice President is a very good one.

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On August 23, 1974, Doctor CARMINE FREDA, [redacted], Grandview, New York, Chairman of the Rockland County Republican Committee, was interviewed by SA THOMAS A. CONLON of the Suffern Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Doctor FREDA advised that he has known the nominee many years socially, personally and politically. He described the nominee as one of the finest people in political life today and that he personally feels that President FORD has made an excellent choice in appointing the nominee to the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

Doctor FREDA said that the nominee is not only an excellent political organizer but has the unusual gift of looking forward to the future in his ideas and plans with regard to the welfare of the United States, to which the nominee is greatly devoted.

Doctor FREDA added that he has been associated with the nominee as a personal friend and acquaintance and said that he and his family enjoy excellent character, loyalty, reputation and associates. He further added that he believes the nominee has and always will have the primary interest of the United States in mind since he is a fine politician devoted to this country.

Doctor FREDA reiterated that he would, without question, endorse NELSON ROCKEFELLER for appointment as Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, DONALD SMITH, Chairman, Putnam County Republican Party, Patterson, New York, advised he has known the nominee on a personal and professional basis for approximately 8 years. He stated in his contacts with ROCKEFELLER he always found him to be honest, candid, and straightforward. He has been impressed with the nominee's integrity and intelligence and he has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on ROCKEFELLER's moral character, reputation, or associations. He felt that the nominee would make an outstanding Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, [redacted] Rockland County Commissioner of Jurors, New City, New York, advised SA JOHN J. TUCKER, Jr. that he has known the nominee since the early 1950's. He stated that they have met on numerous occasions at various political gatherings and their relationship was confined to that level. He stated that he was thoroughly impressed with the nominee in every respect. He stated that the nominee has an exceptionally fine memory, is extremely intelligent, and a very capable administrator. He advised that he never heard anything derogatory concerning the nominee and he considers him to be a man of the highest moral character possessing a fine reputation as a loyal American citizen. He advised that he believes that President FORD had made an excellent selection in his choice of the nominee for Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, LEONARD NOVAK, Chairman, Columbia County Democratic Party, Valatie, New York, advised SA LYNN E. MC CREDY that he has known the nominee for over 12 years on a personal and professional basis. He stated that his contacts with ROCKEFELLER have always been cordial and friendly and he has had a good opinion of the nominee's reputation, moral character, and dedication to public service. He said that he has had his disagreements with the nominee in certain political areas, but nevertheless feels his appointment as Vice President was in the best interests of the Government.

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WILLIAM DOULIN, [redacted], Newburgh, New York, was interviewed on August 23, 1974, by SA EDWARD J. DOHERTY. Mr. DOULIN advised that he is currently the Chairman of the Republican Party for Orange County, New York. He advised that he first met the nominee when he was running for political office in New York State. He stated that he has always found the nominee to be cordial, honest and undoubtedly loyal to the United States. He recommended him highly for the position involved. Mr. DOULIN added that he has also been acquainted socially with the nominee and his wife and has visited their estate in Westchester County, New York.

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On August 22, 1974, THOMAS GRIFFITH, [redacted], b6 b7C
Goshen, New York, advised SA EDWARD J. DOHERTY that he is Chairman of the Orange County Conservative Party and first met the nominee in approximately 1958, when he, GRIFFITH, was associated with the Republican Party in Rockland County, New York. He stated that his contacts with ROCKEFELLER have been very superficial and he does not have any direct knowledge of him or his activities. He said that the nominee impresses him as a strong leader and a powerful individual politically, but that he does not like him personally because of the way he operates politically. By this he meant that ROCKEFELLER has to have his way and if people who work for him or with him oppose him, he gets someone else to handle the job. He said that he has no specific examples that he could cite and this is a judgment he has reached based on his general experience in politics and through the newspapers. He said that he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on ROCKEFELLER's character, habits, associates or loyalty to the United States. He stated that he would prefer a nominee whose views are more conservative and therefore, more in keeping with his own, but that he would go along with ROCKEFELLER's nomination as an all around good choice.

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concerning him and that the American people are most fortunate

On August 21, 1974, Senator JOSEPH MONTONI,
Democrat-Liberal, advised SA SCHWANT he has known the
nominee since 1957, and that he feels he is an excellent
candidate for the Republicans. He advised he was an
excellent Governor and a great humanitarian. He advised
he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

On August 21, 1974, Senator ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Democrat, advised SA SCHWANT he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER
since 1931, and that he regarded him as a tough opponent
but a man of great personal integrity. He stated he knew
nothing concerning his personal or public life that might
reasonably be a source of embarrassment to the office for
which he is being considered.

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On August 28, 1974, MATTHEW J. TROY, Chairman, Queens County Democratic Committee, [redacted] New York, was reinterviewed and advised he recalled an article appearing in a New York newspaper in 1973, alleging that ROCKEFELLER, when Governor of New York, got him, TROY, to "swing" six Democratic votes for the passing of an expansion bill in connection with Stewart Airport in Newburgh, New York, in return for the promise that TROY could name two New York State Supreme Court Judges. TROY unequivocally denied that this occurred and stated he was misquoted in the newspaper article. He stated that ROCKEFELLER had nothing to do with any promises of judgeships in return for Democratic votes in connection with the expansion of Stewart Airport.

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A newspaper article captioned "Rocky's Deal on Stewart Expansion Bared," appeared in the "Evening News," a newspaper published in Newburgh, New York. This article is quoted as follows:

As upstate Republicans battled against expansion of Stewart Airport in the legislative halls of Albany two years ago they were aware, deep down, that their leader, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, was quietly kicking the pins out from under them.

As the debate raged and upstaters gained strength, they heard of "negotiations" which saw promises of Democratic support for their position dwindle in the crucial 48 hours before the vote.

Rockefeller wanted Stewart expansion - and further proof of the Governor's wheeling and dealing to get it came to light in the March 5 issue of New York magazine.

In it, Queens Democratic chief Matthew Troy said he was promised he could fill a Supreme Court vacancy if he could turn Queens votes in Albany to Stewart expansion votes.

Thus, a little more information on the "mandate" the state Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) received to develop Stewart Airport became history.

In the end, Rockefeller won - not on the merits of expansion but on the patronage he had to offer the Democratic minority for its votes, Troy indicates.

The Legislature voted expansion on June 6, 1971, a Sunday. Rockefeller won in the Assembly 97-51. The Senate carried the Governor's bill earlier in a 39-13 vote.

The measure provided $30 million for the purchase of 11,000 acres for airport expansion. The acreage later dwindled to 8,657 as MTA mapped out its needs. Roughly a third of the land is concentrated in New Windsor.

Troy swung the Queens votes but he didn't name the judge. The Governor denied any such deal was made, Troy said.

The soft-spoken Troy told The Evening News today the Governor's reneging will have "serious effects" on any future discussions the two might have.

As Queens Democratic chairman and City Council representative from the 16th District, Troy knows the value of a promise in politics. Insofar as possible, political promises must be kept, it's indicated in his New York (March 5) profile, titled "Matty Troy and the Politics of Lying."

Troy doesn't fault Rockefeller's brand of politics - just his reneging.

"Making deals is what a leader does. I make 20 small ones a year - trading votes in the Legislature for a job or two - and a big one every two years," he said.

Stewart involves only a small segment of the interesting piece on political intrigue and smoke filled rooms.

Commenting on Stewart in the article, Troy notes:

"I gave him Queens votes in the Legislature to put a jetport in Newburgh - what did we care about Newburgh? - in return for the right to pick a Supreme Court replacement if Seymour Thaler went to jail. Well Sy's been convicted and I haven't heard from the Governor. When I do, you can bet he'll want something else thrown in."

At the time, Troy didn't know exactly why Rockefeller wanted Stewart expanded. "He said something about alleviating air traffic at Kennedy," Troy told The Evening News.

And there were other considerations. "He wanted bipartisan support, said he was shy of votes and said he would like some votes," Troy recalled.

The naming of a judge is a new element in the wheeling and dealing. Initial stories about how Rockefeller got his votes indicated a promise of six new seats on the New York City Council.

"That was part of it," Troy confirmed. "They become effective Jan. 1, 1974, and the posts will be filled in November."

Both State Sen. Richard E. Schermerhorn (R-C-Cornwall), and Assemblyman Lawrence Herbst (R-Newburgh) were aware of the "negotiations" while they were fighting against expansion. Neither liked the way Rockefeller got his votes.

Schermerhorn said: "I'm dead set against this type of thing, especially when it effects so many lives and the environment. Wheeling and dealing is not the way to do it. Negotiation and compromise is the only way."

And, Schermerhorn added, he was "pleased" that Troy didn't get to name the judge.

Herbst recalled seeing "almost every member of the Assembly" drumming up opposition to expansion.

"Forty-eight hours before the vote there was strong indication we had enough in the Assembly to beat it," Herbst said. "Then we were advised that minority members 'regretted' they couldn't assure us they would vote against it. There were all sorts of rumors about deals but none of us knew exactly what was up for obvious reasons."

Herbst termed the type of wheeling and dealing which took place on Stewart expansion "regrettable" because it was a decision which wasn't based on the merits but on power politics.

"I felt then and feel now that the proper development of Stewart will be of great benefit to the area but it must be done with the cooperation of the area. It can't be forced on us," he said.

Herbst recently introduced a bill which would prevent expansion of Stewart Airport until such time as Orange County approves the Metropolitan Transportation Authority master plan for development.

Sen. Jay P. Rolison Jr. (R-Poughkeepsie) recalled a "lot of pressure" being on at the time of the Stewart vote.

"I really don't know what might have been offered. The end result was that Democratic votes, some from Queens, carried the measure. How that was arrived at, I can't say, but the votes were there."

Rolison declined comment on Troy's remarks. "I really can't comment. It wouldn't be fair because I don't know; I wasn't privy to what went on, being on the opposite side of the issue from the Governor and opposite party from Troy."

III. INTERVIEWS OF FORMER AND CURRENT NEW YORK STATE SENATORS

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On August 21, 1974, New York State Senator JOHN J. MARCHI, office - 358 St. Marks Place, Staten Island, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) ALBERT E. FALLER that he has been in office for over 20 years. He stated he was very close to the nominee in internal operations of the State, and that he has been the Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Senate. Senator MARCHI stated he was in continual contact with the nominee on fiscal matters, appointments, and nominations, especially since he had the confirming authority in all appointments and nominations. He stated that this is a critical area in which an official would expose himself if he were anything but honest.

He further stated that he had the opportunity to review the investigation made by the New York State Police, Criminal Intelligence Branch, relative to all appointments and nominations; and without exception found that the nominee had selected people with integrity.

Senator MARCHI recommended the nominee for the office of Vice President.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

BERNARD G. GORDON, Republican Senator, New York State Legislature, whose residence is located at [redacted] New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1957, when he first came into the New York State Legislature as an Assemblyman. For the past ten years, GORDON stated that he has been a Senator in New York State and he considers the nominee a highly qualified and capable individual who is able to properly handle any position with the Government. He said there is absolutely no question concerning the nominee's integrity or honesty and absolutely nothing has ever come to his attention to indicate that the nominee has been involved in anything illegal or immoral. He added that he has worked closely with the nominee on a number of New York State problems and he has always found the nominee to be a person who is willing to take on these problems "head on". He highly recommended the nominee for a position of the highest trust and confidence and added that the nominee is certainly a loyal American. b6 b7C

JOSEPH R. PISANI, Republican Senator, New York State Legislature, who resides at [redacted] New York, advised that he has known the nominee since 1966, when he, PISANI, first became an Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature. He later became a Senator in 1972. He stated that he has worked closely with the nominee in the past on many legislative matters and he has always found the nominee to be a dedicated and enthusiastic person, in the attempts at solving these problems. He further described the nominee as highly dedicated to the country and the people and further stated that there has never been a "smell of anything" concerning any immoral or illegal action by the nominee. He further described the nominee as "Mr. Clean" in that there is no hint of any scandal around the nominee. He stated that the nominee is certainly a loyal American and he highly recommended him for a trustworthy position. b6 b7C

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On August 21, 1974, Senator ROBERT B. LEWIS, Democrat, advised he has known the nominee since 1967, and that he feels he is personable, bright, tough, and effective. He stated he has a real ability to serve and that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. Senator LEWIS was contacted by SA [redacted]. b6 b7C

On August 21, 1974, Senator MANFRED OHRENSTEIN, Democrat-Liberal, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee since 1961, and said they were political opponents until ROCKEFELLER resigned as Governor of New York. He advised he feels he is capable and a man of integrity and said he has never heard of any corrupt practices on his part. He stated, however, that he did an extensive personal investigation of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's campaign of 1966, and that he was convinced much of the money spent on the campaign was not reported. He advised he feels that funds recorded as having been loaned to the campaign by various ROCKEFELLERs were really campaign contributions and not bona fide loans. NY b6 b7C

On August 21, 1974, Senator PAUL E. BOOKSON, Democrat, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee for ten years and considers him a very capable man of whom he knew nothing of a derogatory nature. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Senator ROY M. GOODMAN, Republican, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee politically and socially for ten years and regards him as the greatest living statesman and one of the finest men he has ever known. He stated he is a man of impeccable integrity and said he has never had reason to believe he has engaged in any questionable practices. He stated he knows nothing of a derogatory nature b6 b7C

concerning the nominee and said the American people will be most fortunate to have him in the capacity of Vice President.

On August 21, 1974, Senator JOSEPH ZARETZKI, Democrat-Liberal, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee since 1957, and said he feels he is an excellent candidate for the Republicans. He advised he was an excellent Governor and a great humanitarian. He advised he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. b6 b7C

On August 21, 1974, Senator ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN, Democrat, advised SA [redacted] he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since 1961, and that he has regarded him as a tough opponent and a man of great personal integrity. He stated he knew nothing concerning his personal or public life that might reasonably be a source of embarrassment to the office for which he is being considered. b6 b7C

New York State Senator JOHN J. SANTUCCI, [redacted], [redacted], advised SA BERNARD G. HARRINGTON on August 23, 1974, that he has known the nominee, former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER, only in his capacity as a State Legislator. He never had any social contacts with him, nor did he ever meet him in private and as a consequence, he knew nothing of his outside activities. He believed that the nominee had always been sincere in his legislative requests and that he had acted toward the best interests of the citizens in his conduct of office. He had no reason to question the former governor's character or loyalty and felt that on his knowledge of him as a public official, Mr. ROCKEFELLER would perform his duties as Vice President in an exemplary manner.

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On August 23, 1974, New York State Senator ROBERT GARCIA, [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for eight years, or since he (GARCIA) became a member of the New York State Senate. GARCIA stated that he holds the nominee in the highest regard and was "delighted" to learn of his nomination. The only point over the years in which he has disagreed with the nominee was his (ROCKEFELLER's) position at Attica. At this juncture, GARCIA doubted the wisdom of the then Governor's action in not negotiating with the prisoners. However, GARCIA would recommend the nominee, due to his ability and experience.

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In addition, he knows of nothing which could be construed as derogatory regarding the nominee.

IV. INTERVIEWS OF FORMER AND CURRENT NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEN

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On August 22, 1974, New York State Assemblyman FRANK J. VERDERAME advised SA [redacted] that he was an Assemblyman representing Brooklyn in Albany, New York, from 1971 to 1972. He stated he did not serve in Albany long enough to know ROCKEFELLER personally or have any private conversations with him. He stated that he did visit the Governor's mansion in Albany on several occasions, but this was in connection with an invitation to all Assemblymen during 1971-1972. He did not feel qualified to offer any recommendation concerning the nominee. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, New York State Assemblyman VANDER R. BEATTY, [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] that he personally knows Mr. ROCKEFELLER and has been acquainted with him for several years. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a very moral individual and is uniquely qualified for the Office of the Vice Presidency of the United States. Mr. BEATTY stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a moving individual with a charming personality. He stated he could make no statements contrary to his successful nomination as Vice President. He stated that he knew of no organizations that Mr. ROCKEFELLER belonged to that practiced discrimination against any groups. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, HERBERT J. MILLER, New York State Assemblyman, was contacted at his place of business, 125-26 Queens Boulevard, Queens, New York, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. Mr. MILLER advised he has served as a New York State Assemblyman since 1965, and that during this time he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis. b6 b7C

MILLER advised that while ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York he participated in many "power plays" in an attempt to insure legislation he sponsored passed both houses. MILLER stated that ROCKEFELLER was extremely powerful and in some instances utilized this power to "corrupt legislation". He further explained that the nominee exerted excessive pressure on numerous members of the Assembly and Senate to insure that "his" legislation passed. MILLER explained that ROCKEFELLER may well have been motivated by the best of intentions, i.e. the welfare of the people of New York, but that the methods he utilized were corrupt. MILLER cited as an example a case involving THOMAS LAVERNE, Senator from Rochester, New York. He stated that ROCKEFELLER was the sponsor of a "No - fault automobile insurance program" in 1972 which LAVERNE opposed. MILLER stated that ROCKEFELLER attempted to influence LAVERNE to change his mind, but he was unable to do so. MILLER stated ROCKEFELLER later endorsed the opposition candidate in the Republican primary when LAVERNE, a twelve year member of the Assembly, attempted to seek reelection. MILLER stated LAVERNE was ultimately defeated.

MILLER further advised that ROCKEFELLER would often "call in" leaders of the opposition to his legislation and ask them "What do you want?" He construed this as an attempt by ROCKEFELLER to "buy" the individual's vote. MILLER stated that in 1967, CHARLES STOCKMEISTER, an Assemblyman, was promised he would be "taken care of" if he voted for a piece of pending legislation. MILLER stated that STOCKMEISTER, a Democrat, voted along with Republicans to pass the legislation, the nature of which he could not recall. MILLER stated that as a result STOCKMEISTER was made Commissioner of Civil Service in Albany, New York.

MILLER stated that by utilizing his power ROCKEFELLER could pass any legislation he desired, and while Governor of New York "corrupted more people than all lobbyists together". He advised he would not like to divulge the sources of his information, but that much of it was a matter of public record.

MILLER stated that in spite of the above information he felt ROCKEFELLER is well qualified to be Vice President of the United States. He feels that ROCKEFELLER could not control power and patronage on a national level as he had done in New York State. He advised that ROCKEFELLER is an honest and trustworthy individual and that he would perform in an exemplary manner if confirmed as Vice President. MILLER feels that ROCKEFELLER's past experience in public life coupled with his knowledge of finances throughout the world uniquely qualifies him for the office of Vice President.

MILLER stated he is not aware of any specific organizations the nominee may have been a member of which practice discrimination. He also advised he knows of no conflict of interest which would exist should ROCKEFELLER become the Vice President.

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PERRY DURYEA, Speaker, New York State Assembly, was interviewed at his home, [redacted] New York, on August 23, 1974, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted], and advised as follows: b6 b7C

DURYEA characterized ROCKEFELLER as a person who had to have his own way. ROCKEFELLER would not let anything or anyone stand in his way in order to obtain a desired goal. If he wanted a bill to pass in the Legislature, he would attempt to obtain votes by charming a particular Assemblyman, let the Assemblyman use his, ROCKEFELLER's, private airplane, or if all else failed, go over the head of the particular Assemblyman to bring pressure to bear on him so that the Assemblyman would vote the ROCKEFELLER way. However, ROCKEFELLER would not hesitate to deal directly with Democrats or Liberals or anyone else to obtain a desired result. A classic example of this is the deal consummated by ROCKEFELLER with the Liberal and Democratic bosses of New York City to install former Mayor ROBERT WAGNER as the individual to replace former Mayor JOHN LINDSAY when LINDSAY's term expired.

DURYEA described ROCKEFELLER as a very charming, personable individual who, at times, has the ability to sway a person through the sheer force of his magnetism. Despite his personality, he leads a solitary secluded life, having no real personal friends. His estate at Pocantico Hills, New York, typifies his life style as being one whose private life is withdrawn from reality.

Regarding ROCKEFELLER's social life, ROCKEFELLER has the reputation in Albany of being a "ladies man". DURYEA could not, however, cite the names of anyone with whom ROCKEFELLER would be involved. DURYEA is not very knowledgeable regarding the ROCKEFELLER finances. He knew that during 1964, he, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, during his bid for the Presidency, spent approximately four million dollars on the California primary and three million dollars on the Oregon primary. In either the 1966 or 1970 re-election bid by ROCKEFELLER for New York State Governor, ROCKEFELLER spent in the neighborhood of seven million dollars. Much of the money ROCKEFELLER received for his campaigns was either his own contribution of his own personal finances, or contributions

made by family members. DURYEA said that ROCKEFELLER's stepmother contributed three million dollars to ROCKEFELLER's 1970 re-election campaign. DURYEA did not know if money was contributed by outside corporations to ROCKEFELLER's re-election campaigns since he is not knowledgeable of ROCKEFELLER's financial matters. Although he has no direct knowledge, DURYEA felt that ROCKEFELLER did nothing illegal nor gave any special considerations to those who contributed heavily to his campaigns. However, advised DURYEA, THOMAS WALLACE, former Deputy Secretary of New York State, who was formerly connected with the administration of New York State Election Laws, would be more qualified to offer a judgment regarding the legalities of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's campaign practices.

Regarding DURYEA's own indictment by the Manhattan New York District Attorney's Office for allegedly contributing his campaigns funds to the Liberal Party in order to insure Republican victory at the polls, DURYEA had no direct evidence that Mr. ROCKEFELLER pushed the legal action to prevent him from running for Governor in 1974. He stated that the issue had been decided by the courts previously, which raised the question in his mind as to why he, DURYEA, should be indicted for the actions that had previously been adjudicated as not illegal. He said ALFRED SCOTTI, Chief Assistant District Attorney for New York City, personally conducted the investigation regarding him and could supply any evidence needed of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's involvement in this case, if such evidence in fact existed.

DURYEA stated, however, that ROCKEFELLER is a man of tremendous energy and discretion. He does not drink to excess, and when he does imbibe in alcoholic beverages, he always drinks wine. He has an excellent background in that he has held responsible positions in both Federal and State Government, and because of his interests in foreign affairs and his friendship with Secretary of State HENRY KISSINGER, ROCKEFELLER is knowledgeable in foreign politics. If afforded the opportunity, DURYEA would vote for ROCKEFELLER's confirmation as Vice President of the United States, although there are others for whom he would cast a more enthusiastic vote.

[redacted] above, [redacted] New York, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] as follows on August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

For the past fifteen years, since her [redacted] first went to Albany, she has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. She has not been a close friend of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, only knowing him from Republican Party socials and campaigns. She characterized ROCKEFELLER as a ruthless politician, allowing nothing or no one to stand in his way to obtain a particular end. She accused ROCKEFELLER of engineering the indictment of her [redacted] for alleged illegal election procedures, citing information she received from [redacted] of Syracuse, New York, to the effect that the New York State Attorney General, LOUIS LEFKOWITZ, knew about the allegations about Mr. [redacted] as early as October, 1972, and did nothing about it until Mr. ROCKEFELLER decided to step down from the Governor's chair, and Mr. [redacted] looked as if he would stand an excellent chance of winning the Governor's election in 1974. [redacted] believes that ROCKEFELLER deliberately caused DURYEA to be indicted, knowing that the action would never succeed in court, because ROCKEFELLER was afraid that DURYEA, as Governor, could not be controlled by ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

She said she knows nothing of ROCKEFELLER's private life except that she did not personally approve of ROCKEFELLER divorcing his first wife after so many years, and marrying a younger woman, who left her husband and four children. She said ROCKEFELLER is not a heavy drinker, nor does he use drugs. She said that he has a charming personality.

She concluded that although she has no direct evidence of these allegations, she has heard again, possibly from Mr. [redacted], that ROCKEFELLER financed Mr. HOGAN's re-election campaign in 1973 for the job of District Attorney of New York County, and, therefore, ROCKEFELLER did what Mr. DURYEA was accused of doing. She further stated that because of ROCKEFELLER's unethical, if not illegal, conduct regarding her [redacted] and his ruthless personality, she could not recommend that he be confirmed as Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

FRANK S. HOGAN, former District Attorney, New York County, New York, New York, is deceased.

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On August 22, 1974, the Honorable HERBERT A. POSNER, New York State Assemblyman, 22nd Assembly District, 21 East 40th Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1967, when he first met him while he, (POSNER), was a New York State Assemblyman. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is very proper, very powerful and a very good administrator. He stated that he made a public accusation against Governor ROCKEFELLER via letter on August 13, 1969, to the New York State Commissioner of Investigations in which he accused the Governor of buying off a vote of a Democratic Assemblyman by appointing him to the Civil Service Commission in Albany, New York. He stated that this Assemblyman, CHARLES STOCKMEISTER of Rochester, New York, voted for increasing the state sales tax and that Governor ROCKEFELLER obtained Mr. STOCKMEISTER's vote in favor of increasing the state sales tax by appointing STOCKMEISTER to the Civil Service Commission. He said that he was called in for a hearing at the New York State Commissioner of Investigations Office and that no investigation was ever conducted in this regard.

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He further advised that he personally has brought three lawsuits against Governor ROCKEFELLER for "Abuse of Executive Power." He stated that two of these suits were concerned with the New York State budgets, where the budgets were not balanced and that one of these suits dealt with the "tax package" concerning the budget. He said that the three aforementioned suits were "thrown out" of the highest court in New York State for "Lack of Judicial Standing." He stated that his main concern in aforementioned suits was that the constitutional rights of the legislature were being abused by Governor ROCKEFELLER's budgets.

Notwithstanding the above, he stated that NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER is a very effective, capable and successful administrator. He said that if he had any advice to give to President FORD, he would tell him: "Make sure you keep NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER in his place." He said that if he was a Republican, he would say that NELSON ROCKEFELLER is a very wise choice for Vice President but that as a Democrat, he does not think that ROCKEFELLER should have been the nominee for the Vice President post. He further stated that from a political standpoint, he considers NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER to be the best choice for the Vice Presidential post that President FORD could have made.

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On August 28, 1974, Mr. POSNER, supra, advised that the three suits he had instituted against Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER were commenced in the Supreme Court of New York County and Albany County, in 1969, 1970, and 1971. He stated that only one of these cases went before the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, New York, and that the proceedings in regards to this case are listed in Volume 26, New York Reports, Second Series, Court of Appeals, Page 970.

[redacted] advised that he is Clerk of the Record Room, Clerk of the Courts Office, New York State Supreme Court, 60 Centre Street, New York, New York, on August 28, 1974. Mr. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the only record of a suit by Assemblyman HERBERT A. POSNER versus Governor ROCKEFELLER in the files of his office for the years 1969 through 1971 was a 1969 suit Indices 9710-69. He stated that from a review of the files all of the information contained in Indices 9710-69 was subpoenaed on December 11, 1969, by attorney [redacted] for transmittal to the New York State Supreme Court, Albany, New York. He stated that a review of the Subpoena Record Book revealed that this file has not been returned from Albany as of this date.

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The following is a Xerox copy prepared from Volume 26, New York Reports, Second Series, Court of Appeals, Page 970, which was obtained from the Law Library of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, by SA [redacted], on August 28, 1974: b6 b7C

In the Matter of HERBERT A. POSNER et al., Appellants, *v.* NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, as Governor of the State of New York, et al., Respondents.

Argued March 4, 1970; decided April 15, 1970.

Constitutional law — State budget — standing to challenge constitutionality — Special Term granted motion to dismiss proceeding instituted by three members of New York State Assembly, challenging validity of portions of appropriation bills submitted by Governor and enacted into law by 1969 State Legislature and seeking judgment declaring them unconstitutional and directing Governor, Budget Director and Comptroller to cease further expenditure of moneys in accordance therewith — order of Appellate Division which affirmed order and judgment of Special Term affirmed — Court of Appeals agrees with courts below that, under present decisions, petitioners lack standing as citizens and taxpayers to bring proceeding — nor does their status as Assemblymen give them requisite standing to challenge in judicial branch validity of appropriation bills submitted by Governor, whether such bills had been passed by Legislature or were still pending before it at time proceeding was instituted.

Matter of Posner v. *Rockefeller*, 33 A D 2d 314, affirmed.

APPEAL, by permission of the Court of Appeals, from an order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Third Judicial Department, entered February 27, 1970, which unanimously affirmed an order and judgment (one paper) of the Supreme Court at Special Term (GEORGE L. COBB, J.), entered in Albany County, granting a motion by respondents, the Governor, the Budget Director and the Comptroller of the State of New York, to dismiss the petition in a proceeding instituted, pursuant to CPLR article 78, by three members of the New York State Assembly, challenging the validity of portions of appropriation bills submitted by respondent Governor and enacted into law by the 1969 New York State Legislature (L. 1969, chs. 48, 49, 50, 340) and seeking a judgment declaring them unconstitutional and directing respondents to cease the further expenditure of moneys in accordance therewith. (See, also, 25 N Y 2d 720, affg. 33 A D 2d 683, revg. 60 Misc 2d 597.) Both Special Term and the Appellate Division found that petitioners lacked standing to bring the proceeding, either as citizens and taxpayers or as Assemblymen.

Peter A. A. Berle for appellants.

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On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman ANTHONY J. STELLA was contacted at his office 2488 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C

STELLA advised he has known the nominee since STELLA became an Assemblyman in 1966. STELLA stated he has spoken with the nominee on a few occasions regarding legislative business in Albany, New York. During these contacts and through his knowledge of the nominee, STELLA considers the nominee to be a warm and friendly man. STELLA advised that with these attributes, the nominee is very capable in selling his ideas to others and should be an asset in the field of foreign relations. STELLA advised that he considers the nominee to be one of the most dynamic political figures on the American scene at this time.

STELLA stated that he admires the nominee as both man and a leader, and considers him to have an excellent reputation and character. STELLA stated that he has on a number of occasions, in the past, taken the opposite viewpoint from that of the nominee on legislative matters. He also stated that if the nominee recognized that his position was in error, he would immediately take measures to correct it.

STELLA characterized the nominee as a man who is always thinking of ways and means to have things done for the people of the state or the nation. STELLA, in conclusion, considers the nominee to be an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency.

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On August 21, 1974, New York State Assemblywoman ELIZABETH A. CONNELLY, 61st Assembly District, residence - 94 Benedict Avenue, Staten Island, New York, advised SA ALBERT E. FALLER that she has been in office for about one year under the governorship of MALCOLM I. WILSON, and has had no dealings with the nominee. She stated that her objections to the nomination of the nominee are of a personal nature, and that as a Catholic she is opposed to having the office of the Vice President held by a person whose marriage ended in a divorce.

On August 22, 1974, New York State Assemblyman LUCIO F. RUSSO, Republican, 60th Assembly District, law office - 15 Beach Street, Staten Island, New York, advised SA FALLER that he is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banks and that he has been in office for 22 years. He stated he has had many experiences with the nominee, socially, politically, and in the legislature. He described the nominee as a man of high integrity and beyond reproach. He found no reasons at all to believe that the nominee would ever become a source of embarrassment to the President. Assemblyman RUSSO recommended the nominee for the office of Vice President.

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On August 27, 1974, Assemblyman CALVIN WILLIAMS, 56th Assembly District, 474 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has met, spoken with, and shook hands with NELSON ROCKEFELLER since about 1959 at various rallies and political functions. He stated that he was elected to the New York State Assembly from the 56th Assembly District in 1970 and he has spoken with ROCKEFELLER quite frequently since then. He said that the nominee is "a beautiful guy" and the best man in the United States for the position of Vice President. He said that ROCKEFELLER is a very good politician, a clean living man, and as Governor he has been "fair and square with blacks, Puerto Ricans, and other minority groups." He stated that he highly regards the nominee and would highly recommend him for the position of Vice President of the United States. He said that he could furnish no derogatory information regarding the nominee.

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On August 23, 1974, New York State Assemblyman THOMAS R. FORTUNE, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1968 and has been in the company of Mr. ROCKEFELLER on several occasions. He stated that his association has not been close enough to comment on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal life. He stated that he has never come across any information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER that could be considered derogatory. He feels that ROCKEFELLER is a capable individual and quite capable of handling the position of Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, New York State Assemblyman SAUL WEPRIN, 160-16 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, New York, advised Special Agent BERNARD G. HARRINGTON that although he has been an Assemblyman for some time he only met the nominee on three occasions. He finds him most gracious and has no reason to question any facet of his character, reputation, and loyalty, but was unable to make any more specific comment concerning him.

On August 26, 1974, JOHN C. COCHRANE, New York State Assemblyman, 80 Concourse East, Brightwaters, New York, advised Special Agent WALTER E. DISTLER that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately six years, but not on a personal basis. He indicated that he has the highest regard for ROCKEFELLER, stating that he was an outstanding Governor and would make an excellent Vice President. He indicated that since he did not know ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis, he could not make any further comment concerning him.

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On August 26, 1974, Assemblyman ANTONIO G. OLIVIERI, Democrat-Liberal, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee for about four years and that he feels he is a political opportunist. He stated he feels he lacks a definite political philosophy and will say whatever he feels the public wants to hear. He stated he knew of nothing which might reasonably be embarrassing to the Administration. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Assemblyman PETER A. BERLE, Democrat, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee for about four years and has quarrelled long and hard with him. He stated he has complained about his misuse of power and of his appointment of judges. He stated, however, that he felt that perhaps all of these were legitimate practices in politics. He stated he felt Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a man of integrity and that he would be suitable as Vice President. b6 b7C

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On August 28, 1974, Assemblyman LOUIS DE SALVIO, Democrat, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee since he first became Governor in 1958. He stated he felt he would be a good Vice President just as he had been a good Governor. He stated he had the highest regard and respect for Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. b6 b7C

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On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman FRANZ S. LEICHTER, Democrat-Liberal, advised Special Agent [redacted] he is politically opposed to Mr. ROCKEFELLER but that he knew nothing concerning his ability, integrity, or other qualities that would disqualify him for the office of Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 21, 1974, HULAN E. JACK, Democrat, former Assemblyman, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for about fifteen years and that he has always admired his courage and determination and believes that he will be a refreshing influence as Vice President. He pointed out that he is widely experienced in foreign relations and that he will aid in bringing back stability to the economy. He advised he knew of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him and that he felt President FORD and the nominee would make an excellent team. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman MARK T. SOUTHALL, Democrat, advised he has a cordial relationship with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about twelve years and that he considers him a very capable man who will make a wonderful Vice President. He advised he is sensitive to the needs of the people in many areas and is well-versed in government. He regards him as a man of integrity and courage.

On August 23, 1974, Assemblyman GEORGE W. MILLER, Democrat, advised he has known the nominee politically for about fifteen years and considers him a man of absolute integrity and great administrative ability who was an excellent governor. He stated he would support him as Vice President and that he knew of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

On August 21, 1974, Assemblyman ANDREW J. STEIN, Democrat-Liberal, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee two years and feels he is highly qualified to be the Vice President of the United States. He stated he has an excellent understanding of the economic problems with which the United States is faced, and that he is frank, open, and a man of unquestioned integrity. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman WILLIAM F. PASSANNANTE, Democrat, advised SA [redacted] he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since he became Governor and feels he is a good choice as Vice President. He stated he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him and that he has great respect for him although he disagrees with him politically. He described him as personable, able, and a brilliant, pragmatic politician. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Assemblyman RICHARD N. GOTTFREID, Democrat, advised SA [redacted] he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about three and one-half years only as an Assemblyman and that he is very much opposed to him politically. He pointed out that ROCKEFELLER has been notorious for his brilliant use of political and economic power. b6 b7C

On August 21, 1974, Assemblyman ALBERT H. BLUMENTHAL, Democrat, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee for twelve years and considers him a man of great ability and integrity, and that he considers him eminently suitable for the office of Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Assemblyman WILLIS STEPHENS, Brewster, New York, advised SA MC CREDY that he has known the nominee since 1958. He stated the nominee was an outstanding, creative, dedicated public servant, and he feels his appointment as Vice President was one of the finest things that has ever been done in politics. He said that he has never heard anything detrimental to the nominee's reputation, character, associations or loyalty, and he feels he will make an outstanding Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, Miss ROSEMARY R. GUNNING, New York State Assembly, [redacted] New York, advised she had known nominee approximately six years through the New York State Assembly. Miss GUNNING described nominee as an honorable and decent politician with "integrity as high as anyone". She knows of no conflict of interests between Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice President and his family's business interest stating that she believes he is "too far removed" from such business interests. b6 b7C

She described Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a very brilliant and able man but feels that in some instances through his years as Governor his staff had not given him the best advice available. Miss GUNNING stated "his life is like an open book" and she knows of no instance wherein nominee had associated himself with any organization which advocated discriminatory or disloyal practices.

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On August 27, 1974, Assemblyman JOHN ESPOSITO, Republican, 222-01 101st Avenue, Queens Village, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) BERNARD G. HARRINGTON that he has known the Vice-President designate since he entered the New York State Legislature. He stated that he has met with the former Governor on several occasions and found him affable, intelligent and knowledgeable. He stated that nothing adversely affecting his character, reputation or good citizenship has ever come to his attention and recommended him for position to which he has been nominated. He has been impressed with the nominee's excellent background, education and experience, both as an administrator in his various capacities as an appointee of the Federal Government. He knows of no area concerning the nominee's background, official or social, which might be a source of embarrassment to Governor ROCKEFELLER.

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SAMUEL D. WRIGHT, former Democratic Assemblyman from the 54th District, Brooklyn, New York, from 1966 to 1973, and now a New York City Councilman since January 1, 1974, advised that he has known the nominee personally and professionally for approximately eight years. WRIGHT further advised that he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, integrity, and general good judgment, although he does not always agree with him on all political issues. WRIGHT said that his honesty and trustworthiness are beyond reproach.

WRIGHT stated that he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature that would reflect in any way on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty. He further stated that he has only known the nominee as a dedicated American and a devoted public servant.

WRIGHT said that the nominee is surely qualified and able to handle the Vice Presidency of the United States and if called upon was ably qualified to handle the Presidency of the United States.

WRIGHT said that to the best of his knowledge he knows of no derogatory information pertaining to the nominee or his family. He further stated that in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is above reproach and a very capable person to handle the Vice Presidency.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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On August 21, 1974, GORDON W. BURROWS, Republican Assemblyman for the State of New York, who resides at [redacted] New York, advised he is presently Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the New York State Assembly and through this position, he has met the nominee on a number of occasions, while the nominee was Governor of the State of New York. Mr. BURROWS stated without reservation the nominee is the best qualified in the country to assume the position of Vice President of the United States and he bases his opinion on the way the nominee handled his job as Governor of the State of New York. He also stated that nothing has ever come to his attention that would indicate that the nominee was ever involved in any political or personal scandal. Mr. BURROWS highly recommended the nominee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On August 22, 1974, ALVIN M. SUCHIN, Republican Assemblyman for the State of New York, who resides at [redacted] New York, advised that he had known the nominee as an Assemblyman, when he, SUCHIN, became Assemblyman nine years ago. He stated that many times he came into direct contact with the nominee in trying to promote certain legislation and he always found the nominee to be an enthusiastic and knowledgeable individual. He added that there was never a hint of dishonesty or anything immoral connected with the nominee and he highly recommended the nominee for a trustworthy position. He added that the nominee is of excellent character, associates, and reputation.

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On August 21, 1974, THOMAS J. MC INERNY, [redacted] New York, advised he formerly was an Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature for eight years before his defeat in 1972. He stated that he was a Democratic Assemblyman but he considered and still considers the nominee a great man. He said although the nominee was of a different political party he always admired the manner in which the nominee handled his position in that he was extremely efficient and capable.

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Mr. MC INERNY added that he never heard anything while he was an Assemblyman that would indicate that the nominee was involved in any scandal either politically or personally. He said, in fact, the nominee had an excellent reputation among his fellow associates. He stated that he would highly recommend the nominee for a trustworthy position.



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On August 23, 1974, VINCENT RICCIO, [redacted], [redacted], New York, a member of the New York State Assembly, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

RICCIO has spent six years in the legislature at Albany, New York, but had associated with or known the nominee at least two years prior to this time. There is no question in regard to the nominee's moral character.

The nominee is an outstanding administrator and a natural leader. He is an individual who knows how to get things done and has great natural ability as a leader.

The nominee enjoys an excellent reputation, and is far above most politicians in regard to his political reputation. The nominee has so many good qualities that working with him is a pleasure.

RICCIO knows of no reason why the nominee should not be Vice President. Without a doubt, the nominee not only has the ability to qualify as the Vice President, but has the ability to qualify as President.

RICCIO noted he personally does not know of any organizations to which the nominee might belong, as he has never inquired into that aspect of the nominee's personal life.

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BURTON G. HECHT, New York State Assemblyman, 83rd District, Bronx, New York, was interviewed on August 26, 1974, by SAs [redacted] and ROBERT E. BRODERICK. b6 b7C

He advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the last twelve years while serving in the assembly. He has never really known the nominee socially. He has met him at various social affairs when the nominee was present at political functions.

He described the nominee as being an excellent choice for the position of Vice President of the United States and would make a good President. He is greatly impressed by the nominee's ability. He does not agree fully with the nominee's political philosophy but does not feel these differences should in any way reflect adversely against the nominee.

He has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee.

Assemblyman HECHT stated that he believes the nominee will bring a wealth of experience and executive ability to the position of Vice President and that he will do an excellent job.

On August 23, 1974, JOHN J. WALSH, Judge, New York State Court of Claims, 11 Centre Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] he was an Assemblyman for fourteen years prior to his being appointed to the bench. He stated he regarded Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a great leader, a unique, far-sighted man of integrity who believed in innovation and who was able to push through programs no one else could. He advised he believed him to be "Presidential timber" and a man who would add prestige to the office of Vice President.

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On August 23, 1974, Assemblyman ANTHONY G. DI FALCO, Democrat, advised he has had contact with the nominee as an Assemblyman for about ten years. He advised he felt him to be a person of integrity and that he would not be unsuitable as Vice President. He stated he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

On August 23, 1974, STEPHEN S. GOTTLIEB, Commissioner, State Liquor Authority, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, advised he is a former Assemblyman (Democrat) and that he was appointed Commissioner in May, 1972, by the nominee. He advised he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about five years and that he feels he is a man of the highest integrity, an able executive, and a person who has dealt brilliantly with the State Legislature. He pointed out that at the time he was appointed Commissioner he had been running against JOSEPH ZARETZKI for State Senator and that there had been allegations that he had agreed to accept the appointment in exchange for leaving the senatorial race. He stated that when he accepted the nomination he did leave the senatorial race but that there had been no agreement with the nominee to do so. He stated he had no reason to believe there had been collusion between Mr. ROCKEFELLER and Mr. ZARETZKI to arrange it so Mr. ZARETZKI would not be opposed by him. He felt the nominee to be an excellent selection for the office of Vice President.

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On August 22, 1974, JOHN E. KINGSTON, Assembly Majority Leader, State of New York, who resides at [redacted] Street, Westbury, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he considered himself a friend of ROCKEFELLER until December, 1973, but no longer considers himself a friend and declined to elaborate or to comment any further. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, DENNIS O'DOHERTY, New York State Assemblyman, [redacted], New York, advised Special Agent (SA) WALTER E. DISTLER, that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for approximately one year as an Assemblyman. He stated that he did not know him on a personal basis, and therefore could not comment concerning his character, loyalty and associates. O'DOHERTY stated that it is his opinion that ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding individual, and an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency, and he would recommend ROCKEFELLER be confirmed.

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V. INTERVIEWS OF ATTORNEYS (NEW YORK CITY AREA)

On August 26, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, [redacted], New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he is a partner in the law firm of Shadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, 919 Third Avenue, New York City. He is a former Vice President of the New York City Bar Association and former Chairman of the Executive Committee of that Association. b6 b7C

He has never met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and has no reason to doubt his character, reputation or loyalty. He knows of no reason why NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed as Vice President of the United States of America.

On August 23, 1974, ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, Attorney, [redacted], New York, New York, former United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he ran against ROCKEFELLER in 1962 for Governor of New York State and that he knows him only in a public, political sense. He stated that he always regarded him as a capable individual and a man of integrity and honor. He said that he knows of nothing that would adversely affect his nomination as Vice President and feels that his selection is a good one. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, Mr. ALFRED SCOTTI, Counsel to Aranow, Brodsky, Bohlinger, Benetar, Einhorn (law firm), [redacted], New York, New York, former Chief Assistant District Attorney for New York County, advised SA [redacted] that he first met the nominee for Vice President of the United States, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, in connection with his official duties in 1964, and several times since then on an official basis. SCOTTI stated that he resigned from his position as Chief Assistant District Attorney around March 1, 1974, to assume his present position. b6 b7C

SCOTTI advised that, in November of 1973, he attended a meeting with the nominee and New York State Attorney General LOUIS LEFKOWITZ, which was held at Mr. ROCKEFELLER's home. During the course of this meeting, LEFKOWITZ asked SCOTTI if there was any real need to call PERRY DURYEA before the Grand Jury then investigating various allegations regarding campaign misconduct. SCOTTI told LEFKOWITZ that previous testimony before the Grand Jury created a positive duty to call DURYEA. The nominee and LEFKOWITZ acknowledged this line of thinking by a nod of their heads. The nominee then commented that he had a very high regard for DURYEA. SCOTTI emphatically denied that he had received any pressure from LEFKOWITZ or the nominee to influence the Grand Jury investigation. SCOTTI stated that he had received several press inquiries regarding this subject.

SCOTTI stated that he considered the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty to be unquestioned. SCOTTI had no knowledge of any discriminatory practices on the part of the nominee, either in the nominee's public or private life and had no knowledge of derogatory information regarding members of the nominee's family or nominee. In conclusion, SCOTTI stated that the nominee was good for the country and true Presidential material.

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On August 26, 1974, the following individuals were interviewed by SA [redacted] as follows: b6 b7C

SIMON H. RIFKIND, Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, Attorneys, 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York, a former federal district judge in New York, advised he has known the nominee for a quarter century. He received appointments to several New York state commissions from ROCKEFELLER, and had been personally contacted by the then Governor, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, on occasion regarding governmental proposals and persons. He has also represented the nominee's brother, WINTHROP, and a daughter. Mr. RIFKIND stated that he hasn't always agreed with the nominee's political actions, and opposed his attempt to get approval for the Oyster Bay Bridge, which was defeated. However, he considers the nominee to be a first class citizen, and an able man. He added that the nominee is a logical choice, and he knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency.

[redacted], Partner, Herz, Feld and Rubin, Attorneys, [redacted], New York, advised that she has had no personal contacts or dealings with former Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, nor has she served in his administrations. She is familiar with him as any private citizen in the area with such a well-known public figure prominent in the news and public events. She knows of no reason why he should not be considered for the Vice Presidency of the United States, and thinks that he is a good choice. b6 b7C

HAROLD BAER, Jr., Partner, Guggenheimer and Untermeyer, Attorneys, 80 Pine Street, New York, New York, advised that although he was Assistant Counsel on the New York State Commission on Governmental Operations of New York City (the "Little Hoover Commission") in 1960-1961, initiated by the then New York Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, he was actually appointed by the Counsel, and had no personal contact with the Governor. He did become familiar with the Governor's secretary, and has attended functions where the Governor was present, but his knowledge of the nominee is really gained from the news, and his generally known activity as a public figure. He has no information reflecting unfavorably on the nominee's character, integrity or ability, and knows of no reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be considered for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, JAMES J. BEHA, Partner, Gasser and Hayes, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has been a member of the New York State Commission of Correction since 1955, first appointed by Governor HARRIMAN, then re-appointed a couple of times by then Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. He had not met Mr. ROCKEFELLER prior to the re-appointment, but later met him socially at a wedding, and has had occasion to speak to him only a couple of times thereafter on minor matters. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] considers the nominee to be a fine gentleman, above reproach, circumspect in his conduct, and thorough in his dealings. He expressed belief that there is nothing about Mr. ROCKEFELLER's life or background that would reflect unfavorably on him. He added that he has no knowledge of anything that would indicate the nominee is not fit to be considered for the office of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

On the same date, [redacted], Partner, Goldwater and Flynn, Attorneys, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, advised that he has had no personal contacts with former Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, and has only that general knowledge of him as a public figure available to any citizen through public sources and the news. He said that he knows of no reason why the nominee would not be fit for consideration for the office of Vice President. b6 b7C

On the same date, HAROLD G. ISRAELSON, Partner, Israelson and Streit, Attorneys, 521 5th Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that although he has been a consultant to former New York Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on Labor Relations and Public Employees since 1969, he has worked intimately with the nominee on all types of matters since 1948, particularly labor relations. He has the greatest respect and admiration for Mr. ROCKEFELLER's integrity, honesty, and ability to handle people and the business of government. He stated the nominee has great knowledge of economics, legislation, and operation of government, and would be a great asset to the President, as Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

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On August 22, 1974, ARTHUR H. CHRISTY, Attorney, Christy, Frei and Christy, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959, at which time CHRISTY became Special Counsel to Governor ROCKEFELLER. CHRISTY stated he had worked closely with ROCKEFELLER during the campaigns of 1962, 1964 and 1968. CHRISTY said that ROCKEFELLER is extremely honest, trustworthy, of good moral character, competent and eminently qualified to be Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Cahill, Gordon, and Reindel, 80 Pine Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known ROCKEFELLER since the United Nations Convention in San Francisco in 1945. [redacted] stated ROCKEFELLER is a man of high integrity, excellent moral character, aggressiveness, and strong determination and has created, through legislation, local and state commissions to combat discriminatory practices against minorities. [redacted] added ROCKEFELLER is definitely qualified to be Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Coudert Brothers, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1959, when he joined the nominee's personal staff. He stated that the nominee is a man of unquestioned integrity, reputation and ability. Nothing ever came to his attention reflecting unfavorably on the nominee's personal or public life. [redacted] advised ROCKEFELLER is eminently qualified for the Vice Presidency and recommends him highly for the position. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, SOL NEIL CORBIN, Attorney, Corbin and Gordon, 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known ROCKEFELLER since late 1958, when CORBIN joined Governor ROCKEFELLER as Assistant Counsel and then as Counsel to the Governor for three years. He added he was also appointed by ROCKEFELLER to the New York State Banking Board, and the Constitutional Convention Commission in 1966-67. CORBIN stated ROCKEFELLER is of high moral character, competent, good reputation and is eminently qualified to be Vice President of the United States. He advised nothing derogatory ever came to his attention concerning ROCKEFELLER's private or public life. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Gasperini and Sabage, 10 East 53rd Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he does not know the nominee on a personal basis but rather through Mr. ROCKEFELLER's staff members when the nominee was Governor of New York. [redacted] stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER possesses an excellent reputation in the legal community and is an individual of high character. [redacted] does not know of any derogatory information regarding the nominee or his family. He highly recommended ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Fox, Glynn and Melamed, 299 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known Mr. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on a professional basis since 1963. [redacted] advised that he has the utmost respect for the nominee and that his character and reputation are above reproach. [redacted] does not know of any improprieties on the part of the nominee nor does he know of any derogatory information regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER or his family members. The nominee is highly recommended by FOX for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

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On August 28, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Two William Street, White Plains, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has met NELSON ROCKEFELLER at various Republican functions for the past twelve years. [redacted] stated that his father ran for the office of Governor of New York State in 1936, and that ROCKEFELLER always reminded listeners of this whenever he and [redacted] met. b6 b7C

[redacted] felt that the nominee was an excellent choice for the office of Vice President. He characterized ROCKEFELLER as one of the outstanding individuals on the American political scene, a man of integrity, honesty, and devoted to duty. He recommended the nominee without hesitation. b6 b7C

[redacted], Attorney, Mineola Boulevard, Mineola, New York, advised SA [redacted] that although he never met the nominee, he has never heard anything derogatory concerning him. He advised that in his vast legal experience he has spoken to at least 100 people who have dealt directly with the former Governor, and all of them have had nothing but the best to say for him. He advised that he knew nothing adverse concerning him. He stated the choice of nominating him for Vice President is an excellent one and that he is in favor thereof. b6 b7C

The above investigation was conducted on August 22, 1974.

On August 22, 1974, Mr. [redacted], Attorney, 292 Madison Avenue, New York, was contacted regarding NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and provided the following information to SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised his only knowledge of ROCKEFELLER's moral character is what he reads in the paper, however, [redacted] advised that it was his opinion that ROCKEFELLER's reputation and ability are excellent and that ROCKEFELLER's appointment to the Vice Presidency would be good for the country at this time. b6 b7C

On August 27, 1974, SAMUEL HAZARD GILLESPIE, Associate, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and Mc Cloy was interviewed at the offices of Rockefeller (Family) and Associates, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. He stated that for two years NELSON ROCKEFELLER, who is a client of his firm, has been one of his accounts and the bulk of his contact with the nominee is in the capacity of an advisor to him regarding election laws, campaign laws, and political processes. He stated that the nominee is most careful and conservative in all his undertakings and never does anything without the proper understanding of the laws that will govern his action. He said the nominee's closest concern is to avoid anything that would place him in an embarrassing position.

GILLESPIE stated that the nominee is a person of complete integrity and a very dynamic and intelligent individual. Nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt the nominee's moral character, reputation or loyalty. He added that he has never been aware of, nor has he ever heard of, any indiscretions or improprieties on the part of the nominee either in his public life or in his private life which, if divulged at a later date, would prove embarrassing to the nominee or to the position of the Vice Presidency. He stated that the nominee, if confirmed, would bring a great deal of experience to the Vice Presidency and he highly recommended him for this position.

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On August 27, 1974, J. DANIEL MAHONEY, Attorney, 51 West 51st Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he is the Chairman of the New York State Conservative Party and that he has met the nominee politically and socially on three or four occasions. He stated that being a Conservative, he has different political views than the nominee and would prefer an individual as nominee who is more conservative in nature. He said, however, that he knows of absolutely nothing that would reflect adversely on the nominee's ability, character, habits, association or loyalty to the United States, and that ROCKEFELLER would be a good Vice President.

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Investigation by SA [redacted] at New York, New York, on August 27, 1974, revealed the following: b6 b7C

[redacted], Attorney with offices at 358 Saint Marks Place, Staten Island, and Associate Counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly (1965 - 1968), advised that he knows nothing to prevent him from recommending NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he was Associate Counsel to Speaker ANTHONY J. TRAVIA, from 1965 through 1968. His dealings with Governor ROCKEFELLER were primarily through Governor ROCKEFELLER's Legal Counsel, [redacted], or through the various majority and minority committees of both houses. His direct personal contacts with Governor ROCKEFELLER were limited. But, through these contacts, he was able to make a judgement on the nominee's competency as an administrator and political leader. He considers him very competent in both necessary aspects. b6 b7C

He is an opponent of the legalizing of abortion and Governor ROCKEFELLER put the full weight of his position behind the passage of the New York State Abortion Laws. Therefore, they disagree on a moral issue, but such disagreement does not alter his recommendation of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, [redacted], 12 Church Street, White Plains, New York, Attorney, who stated that he was a member of the Republican Party, advised that he has known the nominee as a member of the same political party for some 16 years. Mr. [redacted] felt that the nominee was the best Governor of the State of New York. He stated that he respected Mr. ROCKEFELLER for his honesty and integrity and felt that he was the best possible choice for the Office of Vice President that could have been made by President FORD. Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not agree with the manner in which he handled his personal affairs, mainly obtaining a divorce from his first wife, but nevertheless, it did not affect his great respect for the nominee and he recommended him highly for the position. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, 175 Main Street, White Plains, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he first met the nominee during his first campaign for Governor of New York State. Mr. [redacted] stated that he was a Republican and said that he could think of no reason why the nominee would not make an excellent Vice President. He stated that he had a great deal of respect for the nominee whom he considered a man of integrity. He knew of absolutely nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER and he recommended the nominee without qualification for the position. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, 175 Main Street, White Plains, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he first met the nominee in 1958, when the latter was campaigning for the Office of Governor of New York State. He stated that he has met the nominee on several occasions at various Republican functions. Mr. [redacted] felt that the nominee made a very good Governor and that he would very capably fill the office of Vice President of the United States. He stated that the nominee is a man of integrity whose life in politics is one of great accomplishments. He stated that he knew nothing derogatory concerning the nominee's public life and recommended him highly for the position. b6 b7C

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On August 21, 1974, ROBERT DOUGLASS, Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and Mc Cloy, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for about fourteen years, and that he is a former Counsel to the Governor, and former Secretary to the Governor when the nominee was in office. He advised he is well acquainted with him professionally and socially, and regards him as a most able, honest, absolutely dedicated American, who is well qualified for the office of Vice President. He stated he is aware of no irregularities in campaign financing on the part of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, and that he knows of nothing in the nominee's private or political life that might arise and be an embarrassment to the Administration.

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Mr. [redacted], Attorney, [redacted], Garden City, New York, advised SA JOHN G. FLEMING on August 26, 1974, that he has known the nominee for many years and is of the opinion that the President made a wonderful choice in nominating Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He stated he has been in public life doing an excellent job for years and is one of high ethical standards. He advised he is aware of no indiscretions which could possibly embarrass the nominee or the government if he is confirmed for the Vice Presidency. He advised that he could say only the best about him and knew nothing adverse or derogatory and recommended him highly.

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On August 27, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, 199 Main Street, White Plains, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he first met NELSON ROCKEFELLER approximately seven years ago at a Republican Party function. Mr. [redacted] said that to his knowledge the nominee had an excellent reputation throughout Westchester County and said that he never heard anything but good about him. Mr. [redacted] was formerly a resident of Tarrytown, New York, and while there on many occasions engaged in casual conversations with employees of the ROCKEFELLER Estate. He stated that all the individuals with whom he spoke always expressed great admiration for NELSON ROCKEFELLER and the other members of his family. Mr. [redacted] felt that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would make an excellent Vice President and recommended him highly for that position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at New York, New York, on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], Partner in the law firm of Philips, Nizer, Benjamin, Krim and Blannon, 477 Madison Avenue, advised that he has had limited political and limited personal contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He knows his brothers, JOHN and DAVID, much better than NELSON. His contacts with NELSON ROCKEFELLER and the people around him have left him with the opinion that he is highly qualified for any high political position in the United States. His honesty, loyalty and concern for the American people [redacted] above question. The ROCKEFELLER family is the outstanding family in American business and public service. He knows nothing derogatory about NELSON ROCKEFELLER, his family or his associates. He highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States and considers him the best man that President FORD could have selected for the position.

[redacted] is a Democrat by political persuasion, but he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER the best qualified man for the position and the man who would best perform the difficult obligations of Vice President. b6 b7C

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On August 27, 1974, WILLIAM W. GOLUB, Partner, Rosenman, Colin, Kaye, Freund and Emil, 575 Madison Avenue, New York (NY), advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he did not know the nominee on a personal basis. b6 b7C

He was appointed Consultant to Governor ROCKEFELLER's Advisory Committee on Transportation in 1959. In 1963, he was appointed by nominee as Special Counsel, New York State Moreland Commission on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. He served in this position for approximately one year.

He approves of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice President of the United States and stated he knows of no reason why the nominee would not be confirmed.

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On August 27, 1974, J. FRANK WOOD, Partner, Thacher, Proffitt, Prizer, Crawley and Wood, 40 Wall Street, New York (NY), NY, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he does not know nominee personally. b6 b7C

He was appointed by Governor ROCKEFELLER in 1960, to the Advisory Council on Pensions, New York State Civil Service Department. This appointment was confirmed by the State Senate and he served in that capacity until 1969.

He praised Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice President of the United States and stated he knows of no reason why the nominee should not be confirmed.

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On August 26, 1974, SIDNEY Z. SEARLES, Partner, Raphael, Searles, Vischi, Scher and D'Elia, 770 Lexington Avenue, New York (NY), NY, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted], that he does not know the nominee personally. b6 b7C

He was appointed by nominee in 1970, to be a member, Temporary Commission of the State of NY on Eminent Domain.

He believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice President of the United states will benefit the country. He knows of no reason why the nomination should not be confirmed.

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On August 23, 1974, LEO GOLDSMITH, Partner, Greenwald, Cobner and Goldsmith, 170 Broadway, New York (NY), NY, residing at [redacted], NY, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he has known the nominee for approximately 20 years. b6 b7C

The association was sporadic and resulted from his (GOLDSMITH's) former position as [redacted] NY. He met the nominee several times during the 20 year period, always on governmental or ceremonial occasions. b6 b7C

He recalls the nominee as always being courteous and honest. He has no reservations about the nominee's character, reputation or loyalty. He knows of no reason why NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed for the position of Vice President of the United States of America.

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JEROME L. WILSON, associate in the law firm of Rogers and Wells, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York, on 8/23/74, advised SA [redacted] that he was a New York State senator from 1962 to 1966 and had occasional contact with the nominee during those years. From 1967 to 1973, WILSON was political editor and Albany correspondent for WCBS TV and covered Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a news commentator at least weekly. He said he has interviewed the nominee several hundred times and of those in the New York media he has probably covered Mr. ROCKEFELLER the most intensely. He has no close personal knowledge of the nominee but he said he has never become aware of anything in the nominee's background, demeanor, reputation, associates or executive ability which would reflect unfavorably upon Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Further, WILSON said that unlike some public figures, the nominee has never lied to the press and his conduct toward the media has always been exemplary and on a professional basis. He said in his opinion the nation would be fortunate to have the services of the nominee in the high public office for which he is being considered and he knew of nothing which would cause embarrassment to the nominee or to the government he serves. He recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER unreservedly for high government office.

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On August 26, 1974, FIORAVANTE G. PERROTTA, Partner, Royall, Koegel and Wells, 200 Park Avenue, New York (NY), NY, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he has known the nominee since 1958. b6 b7C

He was appointed Assistant Counsel to Mr. ROCKEFELLER in June, 1960, and later served as Special Assistant in 1963. In 1963, the nominee appointed him Deputy Superintendent, New York State Insurance Department.

He praised the nominee and believes his nomination as Vice President of the United States to be an excellent choice. He holds the nominee's character and integrity in the highest regard.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Manhattan, New York, on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

ROBERT MC CRATE, Partner in the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, 48 Wall Street, and former Counsel to NELSON ROCKEFELLER, advised that he first met NELSON ROCKEFELLER in December of 1958. He, MC CRATE, was a partner at Sullivan and Cromwell at that time. On February 22, 1959, he resigned this partnership and became Assistant Counsel to the Governor of New York, NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He served in this capacity until June 1, 1959, when he became Counsel to Governor ROCKEFELLER. He served as Counsel until June 30, 1962, when he voluntarily resigned to return to his partnership at Sullivan and Cromwell.

While working in the capacity of Assistant Counsel and then Counsel, he was in continual direct contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, on both a professional and a social basis. He had the opportunity to assist and observe this enormously energetic public servant. He considered him to be a perceptive, practical, and hard working administrator during his, MC CRATE's, tour of service. He has heard no facts to change his opinion on NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

He knows nothing derogatory about Mr. or Mrs. NELSON ROCKEFELLER, their families or their associates. He highly recommends this extremely able and reliable administrator and politician, for the very important position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York, on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], President, Brooklyn Bar Association, 16 Court Street, advised that he does not know Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis, but has met him at numerous political and Bar Association functions. He knows nothing derogatory about this dedicated public servant, but on the contrary, all of his, Mr. [redacted], associates hold him in high esteem. He himself holds the nominee in high esteem, because of his continuous service to the people of the United States. He considers the nominee as one of the most qualified men in the United States, for the position of Vice President. He, therefore, highly recommends him for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

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On August 23, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, 175 Main Street, White Plains, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he first met the nominee during the latter's campaign for Governor of New York State in 1958. Mr. [redacted] characterized the nominee as intelligent, a man of integrity, completely honest, and one of the most capable politicians in the United States at this time. He knew of nothing which might adversely affect the nominee in any way. He stated that he felt that President FORD made an extremely wise choice in selecting Mr. ROCKEFELLER as his Vice-President. He recommended the nominee highly and without qualification for the position.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at New York, New York, on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], Partner in the law firm of Alexander and Green, 299 Park Avenue, and Special Assistant Attorney General for New York State (1957 - 1959) was contacted. He advised that any contact that he has had with NELSON ROCKEFELLER has been limited, therefore, he does not believe he can recommend him for the Vice Presidency of the United States. He knows nothing derogatory about him, but he believes that this fact still does not give him enough information on which he can base a recommendation.

VI. INTERVIEWS OF LABOR LEADERS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at New York, New York, on August 22, 1974, and August 23, 1974: b6 b7C

[redacted], Labor Mediator, [redacted], New York, advised that he is personally acquainted with the nominee and knows him to be an individual of high moral character and of excellent reputation. He knows the nominee to be eminently qualified for the position of Vice President and believes the nominee to be ideally suited. His loyalty and allegiance to the United States are unquestioned. [redacted] advised he knows of no one possessing any information that may disqualify the nominee from the desired position. He is aware of no derogatory information regarding the nominee. b6 b7C

EDWARD STACK, President and Business Manager, Sheet Metal Workers International Local 28, 1790 Broadway, New York, advised he knows the nominee to be a gentleman of excellent character and impeccable reputation. He is certain that the nominee is ideally suited for the position of Vice President, and he is certain of his character and integrity and recommends him for this position. He is aware of no information that may be disqualifying of the nominee which may later be a bone of contention while in office.

[redacted], Business Manager, Garment Workers Local 20, 207 East 84th Street, New York, advised that b6 b7C

he is acquainted with the nominee's character, reputation and background and finds him to be an excellent choice as Vice President of the United States. He is certain of his loyalty and allegiance to the United States Government. He advised he has never heard any information of a derogatory nature which in any way could disqualify the nominee for this position nor any type of smear on his character.

[redacted], Secretary-Treasurer, Garment Workers Local 20, 207 East 84th Street, advised the character, reputation, and loyalty of the nominee for Vice President are of the highest nature. He is an individual beyond reproach and ideally suited for the position to which he has been nominated. He advised he has no knowledge of any information that may disqualify the nominee from this position. b6 b7C

VINCENT BRENNAN, President, Enterprise Association of Steamfitters, 841 Broadway, New York, advised he heartily concurs with the nomination of ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States. He knows the nominee to be an individual of the highest character and integrity. He is certain that he would be the ideal candidate for the position since the nominee carries credentials of the highest nature. He is unaware of any derogatory information regarding the character, or business dealings of the nominee.

[redacted], agent at large, Enterprise Association of Steamfitters, 841 Broadway, New York, advised that he is in complete agreement with the nomination of ROCKEFELLER as Vice President. He knows ROCKEFELLER to be an individual of impeccable character, integrity and of finest reputation. He feels the nominee is ideally suited, because of his background, to this position of trust in the United States Government. He himself is not aware of any information which may disqualify the nominee from this position, nor has he ever heard any from any other parties. He is certain of the nominee's continued allegiance and loyalty to the United States Government. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, FREDERICK O'NEAL, International President, Associated Actors and Artists of America, 165 West 46th Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he first met Mr. ROCKEFELLER when he, O'NEAL, was the labor committee chairman for the Black community in ROCKEFELLER's first campaign for Governor of New York. In the ensuing years, he has been appointed by ROCKEFELLER to several State Commissions, the most recent one being the U.N. Development Corporation. He regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency in view of his vast experience in government and in foreign affairs. Mr. O'NEAL advised that he regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a loyal American, with excellent character, integrity and reputation. He stated that he would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, [redacted], Business Manager and Financial Secretary, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 14, American Federation of Labor, 141-57, Northern Boulevard, Flushing, Queens, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he was not personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER, but has met him several times at labor convention functions. Mr. [redacted] stated that he and his union think very highly of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's union policies, and sent a telegram of congratulations to Washington upon learning of his nomination to the Vice Presidency. Mr. [redacted] stated that he knows of no reason why Mr. ROCKEFELLER should not be the Vice President of the United States.

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On August 27, 1974, JACOB POTOFSKY, Retired President, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union (ACWU), advised that he has known ROCKEFELLER since the ROOSEVELT Administration when ROCKEFELLER was with the Department of State. Mr. POTOFSKY further advised that he served with ROCKEFELLER on the Point Four Board during World War II and recommends ROCKEFELLER as the wisest choice the President could make for Vice President and describes ROCKEFELLER as one of the country's greatest men.

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On August 27, 1974, H. EARL FULLILOVE, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Building Trades Employers Association, 711 Third Avenue, New York, New York (NY, NY), advised SA [redacted] that in his official capacity with this group, he has met Mr. ROCKEFELLER perhaps a half-dozen times during the past 15 years at various functions. b6 b7C

He said Mr. ROCKEFELLER is looked upon favorably by various trade groups as he is considered to have an enlightened attitude to the essential role of organized, responsible labor, and the necessity of considering the legitimate goals of labor in the function of any government. He said he feels he is uniquely qualified by his vast experience in governing and also the fact he has served in various capacities during past administrations. Mr. FULLILOVE said he regards him as a thoroughly loyal American, of excellent character, integrity and reputation. He said he would have no hesitation in recommending Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States (US).

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VII. INTERVIEWS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

On August 22, 1974, ROBIN T. CONNOR, President of the borough of Richmond, Staten Island, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) ALBERT E. FALLER that he has been very close to the nominee who appointed him Commanding Officer of the Naval Militia. He stated that during the nominee's last years of New York State Governorship, he, Mr. CONNOR, switched from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party. He related in all his dealings with the nominee he found him to be very ethical, and knew of nothing of a derogatory nature regarding him. He recommended the nominee for the office of Vice President.

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On August 27, 1974, HOWARD J. SAMUELS, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. b6 b7C

SAMUELS, who has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1962, stated that ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty to the United States is beyond question. He mentioned that ROCKEFELLER is a very ambitious man whose goal since 1950 has been to be elected President of the United States. He stated that he knew of no discriminatory practices on the part of ROCKEFELLER while he was Governor of New York State, and he knew of no derogatory information concerning either ROCKEFELLER or any members of his immediate family.

SAMUELS commented that ROCKEFELLER is an individual who knows how to use political power. He recalled that in 1965 Governor ROCKEFELLER was seeking support for the passage of his sales tax legislation in New York State. At that time he needed two votes for its passage. CHARLES STOCKMEISTER, a Democratic Assemblyman from Rochester, New York, voted in favor of the passage of the sales tax. The Democrats of the State Assembly alleged that as a result of STOCKMEISTER'S sellout vote on the above mentioned legislation, STOCKMEISTER was appointed to the Civil Service Commission immediately after resigning his position of Democratic Assemblyman.

SAMUELS stated that he knew of no improprieties in regard to ROCKEFELLER'S private life. He further commented that he wished that President FORD had chosen another man to be his Vice President, however, the President has the right to seek his own Vice President. He mentioned that if ROCKEFELLER is confirmed as Vice President he will bring a vast amount of experience to the position of Vice President and also a vast amount of intelligence.

On August 23, 1974, Honorable AVERILL HARRIMAN, Route 100, Yorktown Heights, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he has known the nominee since the 1940's, when both the nominee and HARRIMAN were in the State Department of the United States under the Administration of FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT and HARRY S. TRUMAN. He said during those days, he found the nominee to be a very intelligent, effective and capable individual who had a "knack of getting things done". He said later on, in their careers, they crossed paths again when they ran against each other for the Governorship of New York State. He said this was in 1958. He stated that he has always found the nominee to be a very fair and unbiased opponent and the only differences he has had with the nominee are of a political nature. Mr. HARRIMAN added that nothing of a scandalous nature ever came to his attention that would reflect on the morals or character of the nominee. He further stated that he would certainly recommend the nominee as a good choice for the position of Vice President.

CARL MC CALL, Candidate, New York State Senate, MC CALL for State Senate Headquarters, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted], on August 26, 1974, that he has been acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the last 12 years primarily in connection with civic affairs. He stated that he had attended meetings with the nominee when Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York, concerning housing issues and other civic affairs matters, sometimes in Albany, New York, and sometimes in New York City. He advised that, in his opinion, the nominee, in his early years in the Governorship, was much more concerned with minority issues than in his later years. He stated that it is his opinion that the nominee became insensitive to such concerns as drug addiction and welfare due to political considerations, especially in regard to his failure to change the attitudes of the building trades unions concerning their exclusion of blacks. b6 b7C

He stated the nominee's attitude probably changed from that of his early years in response to changing attitudes of the majority of the state.

He stated, however, that he feels the nominee is completely loyal to the nation, and he knows of no derogatory information relating to the personal life of the nominee or his family. He stated that he feels the choice of the nominee, in view of those under consideration, was the best one that could have been made.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, [redacted], Town Attorney, Town of Mount Pleasant, [redacted] New York, advised he has known of the ROCKEFELLER family all his life since he was born and raised in the area. He said, however, he only met the nominee personally approximately seven years ago at a political rally and has met him from time to time since then. Mr. [redacted] stated he considers the nominee a man of high morals and reputation and nothing has ever come to his attention that would compromise, in any way, the nominee's morality or reputation. He further advised he is in a position to hear anything derogatory concerning the citizens of the area and repeated that nothing has come to his attention that would compromise the nominee or his family. Mr. [redacted] stated that without reservations he would recommend the nominee for a high position of trust and confidence. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, SANTI J. CHESSARI, Town Judge, Town of Mount Pleasant, Beekman Avenue, North Tarrytown, New York, advised that he has been the Town Judge for over 13 years and before that was the Assessor for the Town of Mount Pleasant. He said that he has only met the nominee on two or three occasions so any comments he has concerning the nominee are based mostly on reputation. He advised that the nominee's reputation is without question and the people in the community feel that the nominee is a great American who is civic-minded and responsible in everything he undertakes. He also stated that there has been nothing in the nominee's background that has ever come to his attention that would indicate that the nominee is anything but a person of high morals and integrity. He highly recommended the nominee for a trustworthy position.

On August 28, 1974, ANTHONY VETERAN, Supervisor, Town of Greenburgh, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he entered his current office in January, 1974, and that prior to that time he was Mayor of Tarrytown, New York, a position he had held since 1959. VETERAN, who said he was a member of the Democratic Party, stated that while he was Mayor of Tarrytown he was actively opposed to the construction of the Hudson River Expressway, while ROCKEFELLER, as Governor, was a proponent. He noted that he and the nominee were on opposite sides in other matters also, but stated that this was only normal in view of their political affiliations.

In spite of their differences, Mr. VETERAN felt that ROCKEFELLER was an outstanding public servant, dedicated to his duties as he saw them, and a man of integrity. He stated that in his opinion the nominee was an excellent choice for the position of Vice President and felt that he would be a great asset to the country in this capacity. VETERAN knew of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the nominee and recommended him without qualification.

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On August 22, 1974, JOSEPH T. ST. LAWRENCE, Rockland County Treasurer, New City, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has been a personal friend of the nominee since 1965, and considers him to be a close friend. He stated that he served in the New York State Assembly, Albany, New York, from 1965 to 1969, during the time the nominee was Governor of New York State. He further stated that he became very closely associated with the nominee in 1967, when he, Mr. ST. LAWRENCE, was a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention. He pointed out that [redacted] was a roommate of the [redacted] at Phillips-Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, from 1966 to 1969. He further advised that the nominee's wife took [redacted] to Europe for three weeks as a birthday present approximately three years ago. He stated that the nominee has an excellent rapport with his wife's children by her former marriage. Mr. ST. LAWRENCE described the nominee and his family as outstanding people. He commented highly concerning the nominee's character, loyalty, reputation and his ability as an administrator, pointing out that the nominee never tried to use his position as Governor to become a dictator, but rather worked with the Legislature to accomplish his goals. He stated that although he was of a different political persuasion than the nominee, he could think of no one more qualified for the Vice Presidency and he was extremely pleased with President FORD's selection of the nominee.

LOUIS MILLS, Chief Executive of Orange County, New York, was contacted on August 22, 1974, by [redacted]. He stated that he has been associated with the nominee since approximately 1954 and regards him as a person of outstanding character, reputation and associates. He stated that the nominee is highly respected and is highly qualified for the position involved. He said that ROCKEFELLER is undoubtedly loyal to the United States and he recommended him without reservation.

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On August 22, 1974, New York City Councilman at Large, FRANK BIONDOLILLO, Dental Office, 5 Keegans Lane, Staten Island, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] that he would not hesitate to recommend the nominee since he is an honest man with high ideals.

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On August 23, 1974, FREDERICK W. RICHMOND, City Councilman, New York City, was interviewed by SA [redacted], concerning the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President of the United States (US). b6 b7C

Councilman RICHMOND observed that he has been personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER for ten years. He stated in the ten years he has known ROCKEFELLER, he has never gone back on his word and has been completely honest and straightforward with his dealings with RICHMOND.

RICHMOND stated that ROCKEFELLER is completely qualified for the position of Vice President and this position will bring out many hidden talents possessed by ROCKEFELLER, such as his fluent knowledge of Spanish and French.

RICHMOND stated that ROCKEFELLER is a very capable and pleasureable individual to deal with. He stated that ROCKEFELLER has always retained minority groups on his staff and as far as RICHMOND knows, has never belonged to any organizations that have discriminatory practices.

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On August 23, 1974, HARRISON J. GOLDIN, Comptroller, City of New York, 1020 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he is familiar with the nominee and that, when he heard of his nomination, he immediately sent him a telegram of congratulations, expressing his well wishes and his confidence in the nominee to do an exemplary job in the office of the Vice President. GOLDIN considers the nominee to possess all of the qualities and abilities to discharge the duties of the Vice President and cites his wealth of experience in this area gained over the years by his position as Governor of New York. b6 b7C

Moreover, GOLDIN knows of nothing which could be construed as derogatory regarding the nominee and, therefore, possibly preclude him from consideration as the Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, MAURICE NADJARI, Special State Prosecutor, Office of Special State Prosecutor, State of New York, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since about 1970. He stated that he (NADJARI) was formerly a New York State Prosecutor who worked in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and that he was responsible for the prosecution of WALTER CONLON, former New York State Tax Commissioner, in approximately 1966 or 1967, on criminal charges, and that CONLON was convicted. He stated that CONLON was appointed to the Tax Commissioner's Office by ROCKEFELLER and that later when he met ROCKEFELLER, ROCKEFELLER said to him, "Guilty men should be prosecuted regardless of who appoints them." He stated that ROCKEFELLER had apparently heard of his reputation and his accomplishments and asked him to join the State Government as General Counsel to the Scott Commission in New York State. NADJARI stated that he is not politically active and he was very appreciative of his appointment from ROCKEFELLER. He stated that ROCKEFELLER asked for his opinion of the Knapp Commission report and that ROCKEFELLER was inclined to believe and accept his recommendations in this regard. He said that from a review of his recommendations, ROCKEFELLER became convinced of a need for a Special Prosecutor in New York City, to review the criminal justice system in New York City which was plagued with injustices, fraud, and deceit.

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NADJARI stated that there has been absolutely no interference in the work of the Special Prosecutor's Office and that ROCKEFELLER had assured him that there would not be any when he appointed him to this position. He stated that ROCKEFELLER, to his knowledge, has never done anything objectionable to any law enforcement people. He advised that when ROCKEFELLER was Governor of the State of New York, that he regularly made monthly reports on the work of the Special Prosecutor's Office and met with ROCKEFELLER quite frequently.

NADJARI stated that he could furnish no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. He said that ROCKEFELLER is a very

bright, intelligent, perceptive, and ethical "guy". He said that ROCKEFELLER, although not an attorney, has great ability in interpreting the law and in grasping legal technology, and is more adept in legal matters than some attorneys that he (NADJARI) is acquainted with. He advised that he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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VINCENT MC DOWELL, Chairman, New York State Mediation Board, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, advised he is acquainted with the nominee and finds him to be an outstanding American qualified for the position. The nominee's character and reputation are beyond reproach. His loyalty to the United States Government is unquestioned. MC DOWELL advised he has known the nominee for thirteen years and said that the nominee's qualifications, character and personality are perfect for the position of Vice President of the United States. He is aware of no information that may disqualify the nominee from this position.

JAY KRAMER, Commissioner, New York State Labor Relations Board, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, advised he has been acquainted with the nominee for eighteen years and he (ROCKEFELLER) is eminently qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States. The nominee's character, reputation and integrity are impeccable and worthy of the office he has been nominated to. His composure fits well the office of Vice President of the United States. KRAMER is unaware of any type of derogatory information that may disqualify the nominee.

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On August 27, 1974, ROBERT F. KELLY, Commissioner, New York State Cable Television Commission, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he was appointed by ROCKEFELLER on August 31, 1973, as Commissioner of the Cable Television Commission, and was a friend of ROCKEFELLER's when he, KELLY, was a New York State Assemblyman. KELLY said that ROCKEFELLER is the most dynamic man in America today. He knows nothing derogatory regarding ROCKEFELLER and points out that ROCKEFELLER is the most appropriate choice for Vice President. b6 b7C

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A former United States Ambassador, who requested anonymity, was contacted during the 1952 applicant-type investigation of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and his comments at that time were set forth on page 5 of the report of Special Agent LAWRENCE C. BAILEY, dated December 19, 1952, at New York.

During the 1969 investigation of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, the aforementioned individual commented as follows:

On March 27, 1969, he advised that he had only casual contact with the nominee since he was last interviewed. He stated he saw him occasionally at functions sponsored by organizations interested in South America. He had no information to add to that which he previously furnished but said he would not recommend him for a position as roving ambassador because, although the nominee had the reputation of being an expert on South American affairs, in his opinion the nominee did not know what was going on down there. He stated it was a particularly inappropriate time (1969) to be sending ROCKEFELLER there because the Peruvian President, VELASCO, was then feuding with the Standard Oil Company and had recently raised the indebtedness from six hundred million to one billion dollars. He said it was not a propitious moment for ROCKEFELLER to be traveling around in South America because his name epitomized the Standard Oil Company in those countries as well as here.

When contacted during the current investigation regarding the nominee, he advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that when the nominee was Co-ordinator for Inter-American Affairs (IAA) in the 1940s he "spent money needlessly" in South America. He said the nominee has a "fairly superficial" knowledge of South American affairs and that, although he knows more than the average individual, he "really doesn't know the innards" of South America. He said that at one point the nominee was interested in purchasing the Galapagos Islands from Ecuador for twenty million dollars as "a good will move to Ecuador". He stated the Galapagos Islands contained only "bird droppings and turtles" and would have been a worthless venture.

He also advised that in the early 1940s, ELLIS O. BRIGGS was Ambassador to the Dominican Republic. At that time NELSON ROCKEFELLER visited the Dominican Republic in his capacity as Co-ordinator of IAA. Apparently the nominee was slighted by a comment made by BRIGGS and subsequently, after the Presidential election in 1944 when the nominee was Assistant Secretary of State, the only resignation accepted from all the resignations customarily furnished by the existing Ambassadors was that of BRIGGS. He advised that this acceptance of his resignation potentially ruined BRIGGS' foreign service career but he was subsequently brought back into Government service after the departure of the nominee from the State Department. He described the above action by the nominee as "cruel" and "ruthless".

He added that he knew of nothing which would prohibit his recommending the nominee for a position of trust and confidence as Vice President and that he is "better than a lot" and "we could have a lot worse". He also stated that the nominee is definitely a man of his word and a person of integrity.

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On August 26, 1974, JAMES O. DRUKER, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Office of Special State Prosecutor, State of New York, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that when he was an Assistant United States Attorney he handled a case against PAUL SCIACCA, [redacted], for narcotics law violations. During the course of investigation in this matter, he advised that an undercover agent, in attempting to arrange a meet with [redacted] some time during the period September 11 through September 20, 1971, [redacted] said that he would be unable to meet with the undercover agent on a particular date during that period due to the fact that he was having a meeting with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He stated that [redacted] was a "honcho" in the Italian American Civil Rights League and that he apparently did meet with ROCKEFELLER during aforementioned period and had a photograph taken with ROCKEFELLER. He advised that [redacted], who is presently head of the Federal Strike Force, St. Louis, Missouri, assisted him in this trial and that [redacted] tried to obtain the photos of [redacted] and ROCKEFELLER from ROCKEFELLER's office with a subpoena. He said that they encountered difficulties in ROCKEFELLER's office in obtaining this photo and that some unknown attorneys surrounding ROCKEFELLER tried to get the Federal Government to put pressure on them (DRUKER and [redacted] not to obtain this photograph for use in the trial against [redacted] and others. He stated that they did obtain a photograph of [redacted] and ROCKEFELLER in ROCKEFELLER's office but that this photograph was never used in the trial against [redacted] and others, and was returned to ROCKEFELLER's office after this trial in the summer of 1972.

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JAMES O. DRUKER advised that he is not acquainted with ROCKEFELLER personally and that he does not wish to comment concerning his nomination for the Vice Presidency position.

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VIII. INTERVIEWS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS

On August 26, 1974, Dr. DANIEL M. POTTER, Executive Director, Council of Churches of the City of New York, [redacted], New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for twenty years and considers him a great American. He stated that the nominee is dependable, honest, consistent and keeps his promises. He said the nominee is intelligent, honest, hard working and ambitious. He said that to his knowledge there is nothing in his background that would embarrass him or the Administration in the future. He stated that the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach and recommended him without reservation. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Reverend CHARLES H. STRAUT, Executive Director, Brooklyn Division, Council of Churches, [redacted], New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for four years and considers him very capable, honest and of the highest integrity. He said that he knows absolutely nothing derogatory regarding him and that to his knowledge there is nothing in his background that would embarrass him or the Administration in years to come. He said the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty are excellent and recommended him highly for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

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On August 27, 1974, Rabbi [redacted], Senior Rabbi, Temple Emanu-El, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for 12 years, but not through close contact. He said he knows the nominee through public meetings and formal gatherings that they attended together. He advised that the nominee is very statesmanlike, unexcitable, efficient, hard working and a charming man. He stated he knows absolutely nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and that he has an impeccable background. He said the nominee's character, loyalty and reputation are above reproach and recommends him highly for the position of Vice President.

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IX. INTERVIEWS OF BUSINESS LEADERS

On August 23, 1974, ANDRE P. MEYER, Senior Partner, Lazard Freres, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has known the nominee for more than twenty years although he is closer to DAVID and LAURANCE ROCKEFELLER. He stated that the nominee was intelligent, astute, of the highest character, and has complete decency. He said that the nominee has nothing but the public interest at heart. He said that the nominee is knowledgeable in all public matters and that he personally was pleased with the selection of the nominee. He said that to his knowledge, there is nothing in the nominee's background to embarrass either himself or the United States government. He stated he would recommend the nominee highly for the position. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, ALBERT H. GORDON, Chairman, Kidder, Peabody and Company, 20 Exchange Place, New York, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for thirty five years and is currently chairman of the New York State Republican Finance Committee. He said that he has seen the nominee frequently in the past ten years and that they have worked together often. He stated that he has the highest respect for the nominee and that the nominee has never made an improper suggestion and never did anything he shouldn't have. He said the nominee has tremendous ability, is extremely loyal, and for his age, is in excellent physical shape. He said the nominee is dedicated and a great political leader who loves people and is especially good at solving problems. He said the nominee is dedicated to the United States and the Republican Party and is a scrappy fighter for what he believes in. He stated that the nominee feels that everyone is equal and he is "not a phony". He said the nominee has terrific energy and loves to win people over to his causes. He said that the nominee has gotten ahead by helping people and takes a personal interest in the public in general. He said that he knows of nothing in the nominee's background that would embarrass either the nominee or the United States government. He recommended the nominee without reservation for the position.

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On August 27, 1974, ARTHUR WILLIAM RASHAP, Counsel to Rockefeller Family and Associates, 30 Rockefeller Center, New York City advised Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C he has been a counsel to the ROCKEFELLER family, and primarily to NELSON and LAURANCE ROCKEFELLER, since June 1, 1971. He explained that all members of the ROCKEFELLER family contribute to a common fund for various attorneys and he is one of these attorneys. He stated that he primarily handles investments and personal matters for the nominee and also cultural aspects such as the interest the nominee has in the Museum of Primitive Art. He said he was not associated in any way with the nominee in Albany Governmental matters but he has been involved in some political work for him.

RASHAP stated that the nominee is a most conscientious, meticulous and scrupulous individual in both his personal and public life. He stated that during the re-election campaign in 1972 NELSON ROCKEFELLER insulated himself from the rest of the re-election campaign in order to keep a close supervision over all these matters and to avoid getting into a compromising or indiscreet position which might possibly have been entailed in the campaign. He stated that all records pertaining to the campaign are equally meticulous and he has never known any irregularities which could prove embarrassing to the nominee. He stated that he has never been aware of any indiscretions or irregularities or "cover - ups" of any kind associated with the nominee or his staff nor is he aware of any such incident having happened with the nominee's knowledge nor that of his staff. He considers the nominee a person of "amazing vitality" who does everything in the proper process. He knows of nothing which would cause him to doubt the nominee's integrity, moral character or reputation and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence as Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974 GARDINER COWLES, Chairman of the Board, Cowles Communications, Incorporated, 488 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised Special Agent [redacted] he has been acquainted with the nominee and his brothers for approximately 20 years. He and the nominee have visited each others' homes and he stated he has complete overall knowledge of the nominee. b6 b7C

COWLES stated the nominee has always been particularly careful and scrupulous in all his financial dealings. He recalled that several years ago he, COWLES, had been involved with land development in Florida and he suggested to [redacted], the nominee's counsel, that possibly ROCKEFELLER may be interested in buying out the investments of one of the investors, a Canadian, who was being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. He stated DILWORTH told him the situation looked inviting and it would be an excellent business proposition but not for NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He stated that the nominee would not associate himself with any venture which would have a taint of irregularity or which could be misconstrued even though the Internal Revenue Service investigation would in no way involve ROCKEFELLER. COWLES stated the nominee is equally meticulous in all his dealings, political and private, and there has never been any semblance of impropriety or irregularity on the nominee's part in any venture to the best of his knowledge. b6 b7C

COWLES stated the nominee is "100 % qualified for the Vice Presidency" and he highly recommended him for this position adding that "the President has made an excellent choice". COWLES concluded by stating that the nominee's integrity, morals and reputation are above reproach.

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On March 28, 1969, [redacted], Architect, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee and members of his family on a professional and social basis for a period of approximately 41 years. He has the highest regard for the nominee and his family members regarding character, associates, loyalty, morality, integrity and sincerity. [redacted] stated nominee is extremely ethical in all matters, whatever it be, business, politics or otherwise. The nominee is highly knowledgeable as to Latin American affairs, politically, socially and economically. [redacted] recommended the nominee for any position of trust and confidence without reservation.

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On August 27, 1974, Mr. HAROLD H. HELM, President of Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York, advised that he has known the nominee for over 20 years and has associated with all members of the ROCKEFELLER family throughout the years. Mr. HELM advised that he knows of nothing of a derogatory nature or character regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and stated that to his knowledge, there has never been any instances of indiscretion or impropriety on the part of the nominee. He stated that he continues to see the nominee on occasion, and the family, as well. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's reputation as a politician, statesman and economic magnate are without question, and he is a man of outstanding integrity. He stated that the President's choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States is an excellent one and he would be in total accord with the nomination. Mr. HELM advised that he has worked with the nominee on several political campaigns and has remained close to the family for many years.

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Mr. FRANK PACE, Jr., President, International Executive Services Corporation, 545 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, advised SA PAUL B. TOMPKINS as follows on August 26, 1974:

Mr. PACE stated that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER rather well for the past 20 to 25 years. Furthermore, Mr. PACE stated that he and Governor ROCKEFELLER recently served for four years together on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), and he had found Governor ROCKEFELLER to be a person of deep loyalty to this country, who displayed great attention and concern as regards the problems of national security.

Mr. PACE stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER is a man of impeccable character, whom he would recommend without hesitation for the extremely important position of Vice President of the United States.

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Mr. LEO CHERNE, Executive Director, Research Institute of America, 589 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, advised SA PAUL B. TOMPKINS, on August 26, 1974, as follows:

Mr. CHERNE stated he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for the past 15 years and became better acquainted with him as a result of CHERNE's being appointed to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) in early 1973.

CHERNE, in commenting on his association with ROCKEFELLER on the PFIAB, advised as follows:

He finds that for a man both as busy and important as Governor ROCKEFELLER, he is an astonishingly hard worker on the PFIAB. No one did his homework better than ROCKEFELLER. Furthermore, ROCKEFELLER's concern for the national security is absolutely total. CHERNE stated that ROCKEFELLER's intelligence and perception were among the greatest CHERNE has ever known for a man in public life.

CHERNE further stated that he would recommend Governor ROCKEFELLER without the slightest hesitation for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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Mr. ROBERT D. MURPHY, Chairman of the Board Emeritus, Corning Glass International, 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA PAUL B. TOMPKINS, on August 26, 1974, that he has known Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER since approximately 1937 or 1938, at which time MURPHY and ROCKEFELLER were serving in the United States Government. MURPHY advised that he retired from the United States State Department in 1959, at which time he held the position of Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs.

Mr. MURPHY stated that he has the highest regard for Governor ROCKEFELLER and great respect for his ability. MURPHY advised that Governor ROCKEFELLER is a fine person, completely dedicated to public service. Furthermore, according to MURPHY, ROCKEFELLER possesses a very unusual knowledge of the Federal Government as an organization. In addition, Mr. MURPHY stated that ROCKEFELLER has an extensive knowledge of foreign affairs and is a specialist on Latin America.

Mr. MURPHY advised that in recent years he has served with Governor ROCKEFELLER on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), and, based on all his experiences with ROCKEFELLER, he would not have the slightest hesitation in recommending ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

MURPHY stated that he has a high regard for Mrs. ROCKEFELLER, also.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at New York, New York:

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On August 26, 1974, Mr. [redacted], Kuhn, Loub and Company, 40 Wall Street, New York, New York, advised that he knows ROCKEFELLER politically and was appointed by ROCKEFELLER as the Commissioner of the Long Island State Park System. He described ROCKEFELLER as a man of great integrity, intelligence and great determination and highly recommends ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States. [redacted] stated there is nothing in the nominee's character that would preclude him from serving our country in the best capacity.

On August 26, 1974, Mr. J. KENNETH JAMIESON, Chairman, Exxon Corporation, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, stated that he knows ROCKEFELLER socially on a first name basis and has known ROCKEFELLER for seven or eight years and describes him as able, reputable, responsible, trustworthy, and a gentleman in every sense of the word. He further stated that ROCKEFELLER is the most suitable candidate for the Vice Presidency of our country and one of the wisest choices that could be made at this time.

On August 26, 1974, JAMES D. LANDAUER, Chairman, Landauer Associates, Incorporated, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York, stated that ROCKEFELLER is competent, a man of great integrity, and the best choice for the Vice Presidency.

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On August 27, 1974, HENRY G. WALTEMEADE, President and Chairman, as well as Chief Executive Officer, Dollar Savings Bank, New York, New York, advised that he knows DAVID ROCKEFELLER much better than the ex-Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER but regards the entire family as one of the best that he has known.

WALTEMEADE stated that NELSON ROCKEFELLER's integrity is beyond reproach and he has the intelligence to lead the country back to a position of prominence in the world and to restore confidence in the Government.

On August 23, 1974, the Honorable NATHANIEL SAMUELS, Partner, Kuhn, Loeb and Company, 40 Wall Street, New York, New York, also former Deputy Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs from April, 1969 to June, 1972, advised SA [redacted] he has known the nominee for many years, but he is not intimately acquainted with him. He advised he is delighted that he is being considered for the Vice Presidency and that he would anticipate he would do very well. He stated he knew of nothing concerning his personal or public life that might prove to be an embarrassment to the Administration. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, WILLIAM S. RENCHARD, Chairman of Executive Committee, Chemical Bank, 277 Park Avenue, New York City, advised SA [redacted] he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about fifteen years both socially and in civic matters. He stated he felt Mr. ROCKEFELLER is the best candidate for the office of Vice President because he has great experience, is intelligent and physically able, and a man of great integrity. He advised he knew nothing concerning his personal or public life that might reasonably become a source of embarrassment to the Administration. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, WILLIAM P. TAVOULAREAS, President, Mobil Oil Corporation, 150 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he had known the nominee for fifteen years and feels he is a fabulous choice for Vice President. He stated he is a man of very high integrity and a person who would make a well-balanced ticket with President FORD. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, DAVID L. YUNICH, Commissioner, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, 1700 Broadway, New York City, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for twelve years and feels he is an outstanding choice as Vice President. He advised Mr. ROCKEFELLER has an unusual ability to pick persons of ability regardless of their political affiliations. He stated he knows of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him. b6 b7C

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On August 28, 1974, JAMES HAND, President, National Bank of Westchester, Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER approximately fifteen years. Their association stemmed from their mutual interest in projects that both felt would be beneficial to Westchester County, among these the Hudson River Expressway. HAND, who stated he is a member of the Republican Party, characterized the nominee as a man of integrity, honesty, dedication and an excellent choice for the office of Vice President of the United States. He said that in his dealings with ROCKEFELLER he has found him to be a man of his word and in general an outstanding public official. He recommended the nominee without qualification.

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On August 26, 1974, JOHN W. HANES, Sr., Member of the Board of Directors, Olin Corporation, 460 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent WILLIAM G. SANKO that he has been acquainted with the nominee for a period of over 20 years. He stated that he has enjoyed a very intimate relationship with the nominee which extended back to a period when HANES was under Secretary of the Treasury in the ROOSEVELT Administration. HANES described the nominee as a dynamic, energetic individual whose integrity and patriotism are beyond question. He stated he would strongly recommend the nominee to a position of high trust and knows no reason whatsoever why the nominee should not be appointed Vice President of the United States.

On August 26, 1974, WILLIAM H. MOORE, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Bankers Trust Company, 280 Park Avenue, New York City, New York, advised SA SANKO that he has been acquainted with the nominee for a period of over 15 years. MOORE stated that his affiliation with the nominee was more of a social nature rather than a political acquaintanceship, and in this regard he stated that he had attended numerous social functions with the nominee. He stated that the nominee is an individual of strong moral fiber, very high character and a very industrious and energetic individual who would make an excellent candidate for the office of Vice President. He stated that the nominee is an extremely patriotic and intelligent individual and he could think of no reason whatsoever why the nominee should not be appointed Vice President of the United States.

On August 26, 1974, Dr. GABRIEL HAUGE, Chairman of the Board of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, 350 Park Avenue, New York, advised SA SANKO that he has been personally acquainted with the nominee for a period of over 28 years. He stated that he first met the nominee in 1952 at which time the nominee served in the EISENHOWER Administration. HAUGE advised that he, himself, was economic advisor to President EISENHOWER for over six years and that during that period, he observed the nominee working under a

variety of pressure conditions in Washington, D.C. He stated the nominee is extremely energetic, of strong moral character, and that his patriotism is beyond reproach. Dr. HAUGE concluded by stating he knows no reason whatsoever why the nominee should not be Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, Rear Admiral WILLIAM S. MAXWELL, United States Navy (Retired), advised Special Agent [redacted] b6 b7C that he served as the Chairman of the Board of Standards of Appeals for the State of New York from 1957 until 1963, and during this period had the opportunity to deal with former Governor ROCKEFELLER. He advised he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding choice for the position of Vice President and feels he is a man of unquestionable character. He stated that he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S background is outstanding and that he is an intellectual who is forceful and energetic. ROCKEFELLER will be a great asset to this country. He advised that he knows of no improprieties or irregular activities on the part of the former Governor and that he is in agreement with President FORD'S nomination of ROCKEFELLER for Vice President.

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On August 27, 1974, Mr. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he had been appointed by former Governor ROCKEFELLER as the Welfare Commissioner for the State of New York. He advised that he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER a person of unquestionable integrity, a gentleman in every respect and a man of the highest ideals. He advised he knows of no improprieties regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's experience in state government and national affairs and his exposure to international politics and affairs will be of great aid to him in his position of Vice President. Mr. [redacted] advised that he is very much in accord with the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States.

On August 28, 1974, Mr. JAMES H. EVANS, President of the Union Pacific Corporation, 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER and his brothers, for approximately 15 years. He stated that he has been closer to LAURANCE ROCKEFELLER than he has been to NELSON ROCKEFELLER, but stated that he has known the family for a good many years. Mr. EVANS stated that he has worked with the former Governor of New York in several political campaigns, but has never been involved in business dealings with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. EVANS advised that through all the years and personal contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER, he has never known of any instances of indiscretion or impropriety on behalf of the nominee, and stated that because of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's administrative experience, prestige and knowledge of national and international affairs, he believes that the nominee will make an outstanding Vice President.

Mr. EVANS stated that the country and the executive branch of our government is very fortunate to have such a man to succeed to the position of Vice President and Mr. EVANS stated that he would recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER without equivocation for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On May 26, 1974, Mr. ROBERT PURCELL, Business Consultant, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he first became associated with the nominee in 1955, when the nominee was very active in the International Basic Economy Corporation (IBEC), which the nominee founded for the purpose of introducing American business techniques and capital into undeveloped countries, particularly those in South America. He said that in the Fall of 1957, the nominee decided to run for Governor of New York State and became less active in this corporation. He stated that he succeeded the nominee as Chairman of the Board of Directors of this corporation and continued in that capacity until about 1968. Mr. PURCELL stated that he is still a member of the Board of Directors of this company and that it is his understanding that the nominee has disposed of all of his stock in this company to members of his family.

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PURCELL stated that in his experience with the nominee, he found him to be an individual of the highest character, ethics and integrity. The nominee was always circumspect in his business transactions, being extremely careful to avoid transactions that were in any way improper. He said the nominee was highly respectful of the Governments and the people of the countries where he had investments, and never sought to repatriate funds from those investments if doing so would be injurious to the company or to the country. He stated that he has had business dealings with the nominee's brothers, LAURANCE and DAVID, and knows his two sons, RODMAN and STEVEN as well as his two daughters. He stated that they are all of the same high ethical standards as the nominee and they are entirely dedicated to the United States. He stated that there is no question in his mind of the nominee's suitability for the Vice Presidential position and that he would recommend him for the position without qualification.

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On August 27, 1974, Mr. WALTER B. WRISTON, Chairman, First National City Bank of New York, 399 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that he has been acquainted with the nominee for approximately five to six years. Their assocation has been one of a social and political nature. During that time, he was able to observe the nominee and considers the nominee extremely capable and energetic. WRISTON advised that the nominee is a conscientious, loyal, and dedicated American. b6 b7C

WRISTON advised that he highly recommends the nominee and considers him to be an excellent choice. Mr. WRISTON advised that he knows of nothing which will preclude the nominee's appointment as Vice President of the United States and knows of nothing that would embarrass the nominee or the office which he will represent.

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On August 23, 1974, BRUCE GIMBEL, former owner of Gimbel's Department Store, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted], that he believed NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER would be an excellent choice for the position of Vice President of the United States. GIMBEL was associated with ROCKEFELLER when GIMBEL was a member of the Mass Transit Authority, New York, New York. GIMBEL feels that ROCKEFELLER has excellent judgement and would be an asset to the United States. GIMBEL did not know of any improprities in ROCKEFELLER's life and believes that ROCKEFELLER is loyal to the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, GUSTAVE L. LEVY, Senior Partner, Goldman, Sachs and Company, 55 Broad Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] that he has known the nominee for more than twenty years and considers him "a great guy". He said the nominee is honest, intelligent, hardworking and has great integrity. He said there is nothing in his background that would embarrass him or the administration and that his character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach and he recommended him without reservation.

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On August 26,1974, JOHN KLEY, Chairman of the Board, County Trust Company, 235 Main Street, White Plains, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER approximately 12 years. Mr. KLEY has met the nominee a number of times because of their interest in legislative programs regarding banking laws and because of their mutual interest in educational programs. Mr. KLEY said that he has great admiration for NELSON ROCKEFELLER and considers him a man of conviction and integrity. He said that the nominee's credentials for the position of Vice President are impeccable. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding person who is motivated by a sincere sense of duty and feels that he would be extremely helpful to the country in the position of Vice President. Mr. KLEY recommended the nominee without qualification.

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On August 23, 1974, JOSEPH A. MAROTHY, 26 Romney Place, Scarsdale, New York, Public Relations Specialist, advised SA [redacted] that he was in charge of the nominee's campaign in Westchester County, New York, in 1958. He described the nominee as a fine, extremely warm person who has a "feeling for people". Mr. MAROTHY said that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is well liked by everyone with whom he comes in contact. He feels that President FORD made an excellent choice in appointing Mr. ROCKEFELLER Vice President. He recommended him without hesitation for the position.

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[redacted], who maintains an apartment at [redacted], New York City, but is presently staying in an apartment at [redacted], New York, advised that he has known the nominee and the ROCKEFELLER family for over forty years. Mr. [redacted] stated that he formerly was President of Rockefeller Center in New York City but is now retired.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he considers the nominee to be a very honest, honorable man whose reputation is well known throughout the country as a dedicated public servant. He said he worked with the nominee in various capacities throughout the years as an advisor to the nominee and he considers him one of the finest men he has ever met. He said there is nothing in the nominee's background that would jeopardize his character, reputation or loyalty and added there is nothing of a scandalous nature in his background. He highly endorsed the nominee for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government.

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On August 27, 1974, the Honorable WILLIAM MC CHESNEY MARTIN, Member, Board of Directors, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund, a charitable trust, advised SA [redacted] he is a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, President of the New York Stock Exchange, and Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. He advised he has known the nominee since 1938 both socially and professionally and feels there could be no better choice for Vice President than Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised he feels he is admirably qualified by experience and is a man of unquestioned integrity. He advised he has had differences of opinion with the nominee in both politics and economics but they were differences only in opinion and did not reflect upon character.

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On August 26, 1974, WILLIAM H. MORTON, Chairman of the Board, American Express Company, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted], that NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER is a man of impeccable reputation and very dedicated to public service. MORTON was associated with ROCKEFELLER in his dealing with the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, New York, and does not know of any indiscretion in the public or the personal life of ROCKEFELLER. MORTON feels that ROCKEFELLER is a man of great character and an excellent choice for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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PAUL KOLTON, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, American Stock Exchange, Incorporated, 86 Trinity Place, New York, New York, was contacted by Special Agent [redacted], JR. on August 27, 1974. He advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for several years. He sees Mr. ROCKEFELLER several times a year during the course of either business, civic, or social functions. He holds Mr. ROCKEFELLER in the highest regard and knows of no unfavorable situations in his background which would embarrass him or prevent him from serving as Vice President. Mr. KOLTON recommended NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, [redacted] Real Estate, [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he has known the nominee approximately 22 years. Mr. [redacted] said he considers the nominee a very, very outstanding person who has no peer on the political scene in New York State. Mr. [redacted] feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is the best possible choice for the position of Vice President. He recommended the nominee without hesitation or qualification.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], New York, on August 27, 1974: b6 b7C

ALLAN E. CONGDON, 15 Park Row, an Assistant General Counsel for Long Island Railroad (1960-1966), advised that he knows nothing derogatory about NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He does not know him on a personal or political basis, therefore, he does not believe he is in a position to recommend him for the position of Vice President.

Mr. HOWARD L. CLARK, Chairman of the Board, American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York, New York, advised as follows regarding the nominee:

CLARK has had limited social and business contacts with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER which were primarily regarding American Express Company's interest in various New York State legislation affecting their operations, and through other ROCKEFELLER holdings, namely the Chase Manhattan Bank, which has a stock interest in American Express. CLARK believed that all the ROCKEFELLERs may be stockholders of the American Express Company. However, the ROCKEFELLERs have never been "visible" in any of their dealings with American Express.

CLARK described the nominee as an individual "of impeccable character," who is hardworking, honest, and who would contribute greatly to the benefit of the United States as Vice President. CLARK stated that he knows nothing which would limit or otherwise hinder the nominee's performance as Vice President of the United States.

ROGER M. BLOUGH, Director, United States Steel Corporation, 71 Broadway, New York, New York, advised as follows regarding NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER:

BLOUGH has known the nominee for approximately twenty years through both social and business activities, and is well acquainted with the entire ROCKEFELLER family. Mr. BLOUGH stated that both the public and social life of the nominee are a matter of public record, and that, to his mind, the nominee has always been a man of his word and has been dedicated to economic and sociological improvements both in the United States and throughout the world.

BLOUGH stated that ROCKEFELLER is deeply connected with big business and, as such, would understand the over-all

effects and problems as they relate to the national economy. Mr. BLOUGH feels that of all the possible candidates for the Vice Presidential position, that NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER is the most admirable individual from every point of view. ROCKEFELLER's vigorous and hard-working approach to all problems which he has faced will lend itself well to his responsibilities as Vice President.

BLOUGH further stated that ROCKEFELLER has led a moral public and private life, and that he is not aware of anything which would hinder his future performance as Vice President.

PETER G. PETERSON, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Lehman Brothers, Incorporated, 1 William Street, New York, New York, advised that he has not been a close personal friend of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and has only had limited social contact, but that he has had fairly involved business contacts with the nominee during the past two years. PETERSON consulted with ROCKEFELLER on many occasions regarding the "Critical Choices Committee" which ROCKEFELLER had formed approximately a year and a half ago.

PETERSON has been very impressed with the thoroughness of ROCKEFELLER's approach to many major social and economic problems. ROCKEFELLER's worldliness contributes to his ability to select subordinates who are as equally talented and capable as himself.

To PETERSON's knowledge, ROCKEFELLER has never used his vast financial resources for improper personal gains, and he knows of nothing which would affect ROCKEFELLER's functioning as a capable Vice President.

The above interviews of CLARK, BLOUGH and PETERSON were conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C

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X. INTERVIEWS OF NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

On August 28, 1974, WILLIAM S. PALEY, Chairman of the Board, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), 51 West 52nd Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee for over 35 years. Mr. PALEY stated that his association with the nominee has been both social and professional. He noted that he has served with the nominee in matters related to the operation of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and that he is a member of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's Committee of Critical Choices for Americans. b6 b7C

Mr. PALEY characterized the selection of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as "absolutely wonderful", a "marvelous choice". He added that in his opinion Mr. ROCKEFELLER will do a very good job as Vice President of the United States.

Mr. PALEY stated that the nominee demonstrated his integrity and ability to govern well while Governor of New York State.

He stated that his recommendation of Mr. ROCKEFELLER was totally unqualified and that he had nothing but the best to offer with regard to the nominee's character, loyalty and reputation.

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On August 26, 1974, DAVID ADAMS, Vice Chairman of the Board, Radio Corporation of America (RCA), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] that though he has met the nominee only once, he has dealt with him through his several official offices, on a number of occasions during the past 15 years. Mr. ADAMS has been an official of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).

He characterized the nominee as a learned politician of great intellectual strength, who knows how to correctly use those attributes as "levers" to get results. Further, he described the nominee as an orderly thinker, methodical in his ways, who properly uses his wealth and position to "get a job done". He thoroughly understands the "beneficent use of power", according to Mr. ADAMS.

Mr. ADAMS advised that he knew of nothing which would reflect adversely on the nominee's character, reputation or loyalty to the United States.

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On August 26, 1974, ARTHUR A. WATSON, Executive Vice President and General Manager of WNBC (TV), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has been acquainted with the nominee for about four years. He stated that his personal contacts with the nominee have been limited and confined to his official duties with National Broadcasting Company (NBC). b6 b7C

Mr. WATSON stated that when it became apparent to him that a change in the Vice Presidency was inevitable, his personal choice for nomination was NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. He added that in his opinion, Mr. ROCKEFELLER was substantially ahead of any other potential nominee.

Mr. WATSON stated that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning the character or reputation of the nominee, considered the discussions about his marital history irrelevant, and classified the nominee as a leading American citizen, whose loyalty was unquestionable.

On August 22, 1974, Mr. THEODORE H.J. WALWORTH, President of National Broadcasting Company Television Stations, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he first became acquainted with the nominee in 1961 and has had the pleasure of dealing with him in an official capacity on a number of occasions since that time. b6 b7C

Mr. WALWORTH stated that in his opinion the nominee demonstrated his "marvelous" ability to administrate while Governor of the State of New York.

Mr. WALWORTH stated that he had nothing but the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man and as a citizen, and knew of nothing that would reflect adversely on his character or reputation.

LEONARD GOLDENSON, Chairman of the Board, American Broadcasting Company, New York City, advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he has known the nominee well, personally and officially, for over fifteen years. b6 b7C

Mr. GOLDENSON stated that he was very pleased by the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER whom he described as a man of great ability, whose impeccable reputation, loyalty, honor and credibility were of the highest order.

Mr. ARTHUR OCHS SULZBERGER, Publisher, "The New York Times," advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he has known the nominee all of his life socially and has gotten to know him better officially since becoming Editor of the "Times" ten years ago. b6 b7C

Mr. SULZBERGER characterized the nominee as a "first rate man" and a "first rate choice" to be Vice President of the United States, concerning whom he knew of nothing derogatory.

Mr. SULZBERGER stated that he wholeheartedly applauded the selection of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, adding that his very high opinion was absolutely without qualification of any kind.

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On August 22, 1974, JULIAN GOODMAN advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has known the nominee in his capacity as a newsman for over twenty years. Mr. GOODMAN is the President of the National Broadcasting Company, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. b6 b7C

Mr. GOODMAN described the nominee as a gentleman of the highest order, a "splendid American citizen," and an excellent choice for Vice President of the United States.

He stated that he has always found the nominee accessible and has never found him seeking to use the power of his office to influence the press in any way.

Mr. GOODMAN stated that he applauded the nomination, knew of nothing derogatory concerning the nominee, and felt that in his judgement Mr. ROCKEFELLER would do very well as Vice President of the United States.

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On August 23, 1974, GEORGE H. DUNCAN, President, Metromedia Radio (WNEW), 565 Fifth Avenue, New York City, RICHARD M. STAPLETON, News Director, WNEW, and CARL BRAZELL, Assistant Station Manager, WNEW, were interviewed by SA JOSEPH W. MENDES, concerning their knowledge of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. All three stated they had met ROCKEFELLER at one time but that they did not have any in-depth personal relationship with him. They stated they did not know him well enough to make a fair statement as to his character or integrity but added they did not know anything concerning him which would mitigate against his appointment as Vice President of the United States. They felt the President had made a good choice in the appointment of Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

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On August 26, 1974, ROBERT W. SARNOFF, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Radio Corporation of America (RCA), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that he has known the nominee well, socially and professionally, for over 40 years. Mr. SARNOFF noted that his father and the nominee's father could be considered the creators and builders of "Rockefeller Center". b6 b7C

Mr. SARNOFF stated that he is very enthusiastic about the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER as nominee because he considers him to be the best possible choice for the job.

Mr. SARNOFF related that his earliest recollection of the nominee concerns his ability to analyze a problem, marshal the necessary facts, men and material to get the job done, and then get the job done in the best way possible. This ability, according to Mr. SARNOFF, has been with the nominee all his life.

Mr. SARNOFF stated that in his opinion the nominee demonstrated his loyalty and ability to govern well during his long tenure as Governor of New York State.

Mr. SARNOFF noted that two special hallmarks of NELSON ROCKEFELLER are that he is a most pleasant man to be with and a most pleasant man to work with. Mr. SARNOFF added that nothing derogatory concerning the nominee, his character or reputation, has ever come to his attention.

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On August 23, 1974, WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, author, lecturer, and Editor, National Review, 150 East 35th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] he has been familiar with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and his policies for many years. He pointed out he politically opposed the nominee in many areas but that he has no reason to oppose his selection as Vice President. He stated he felt he is a "first rater" and a man whose integrity is unquestioned. b6 b7C

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On August 27, 1974, ROBERT M. BLEIBERG, Editor, Barron's, 22 Cortlandt Street, New York, New York, made available to SA [redacted] page 7 of the August 19, 1974 issue of that publication, which contains an editorial commentary by him entitled "Vote Against Rocky". A copy of this page follows. b6 b7C

Mr. BLEIBERG stated that he does not know the nominee personally and his article is not directed at him personally, but at his record as Governor and the fiscal policies instituted by him in New York State. He said he is not an admirer of the nominee because as a resident of New York State, he feels he pays too much taxes for a minimum of usuable services. He stated the article was triggered by the fact that he anticipated ROCKEFELLER's nomination and the fact that he received a copy of the report of the New York State Legislative Select Committee on the Economy which he believes shows that the decline in New York State's economic fortunes coincides with ROCKEFELLER's period as Governor. He said that the editorial is based on his analysis and judgment of fiscal policies in New York State during ROCKEFELLER's term as obtained from public sources and that he has no information gained through personal contact with the nominee.

Vote Against Rocky

New York's Gain Should Not Be the Nation's Loss

"AN elder statesman, somebody once observed, is a politician who lives long enough. The bit of cynicism came to mind last week, when the consummate politician who has governed New York State for the past 15 years announced that he was changing horses—or races—in mid-stream. Henceforth, he said he plans to devote his time and energy—and several millions from the family fortune—to heading up, along with a second equally prestigious group, the newly organized National Commission on Critical Choices for Americans. From the State of New York, in short, to the state of the union. The press was properly respectful. 'Nelson A. Rockefeller,' editorialized (or rhapsodized) The New York Times, 'has been a governor in the fine tradition ... His years in Albany kept unbroken a bipartisan chain of distinction that began more than a half-century ago [...]' The Wall Street Journal paid tribute to his personal honesty. Even the Manchester Union-Leader, which once labeled Rocky the 'wife-swapper,' has mellowed: on hearing the news, the crusty publisher reportedly said: 'He's now a staid old married man.'

"Politics makes strange bedfellows, and a man's private life, in our book at any rate, has always been his own affair. Nor are we concerned with the curious kind of politics, where personal predilection and prejudice invariably come before principle or party, which Governor Rockefeller likes to play. Instead, as a publication which deals primarily with money matters, Barron's prefers to part company with the Governor on financial grounds. As we have said before, Nelson Rockefeller has spent the taxpayer's money as if it were his own. In the past five years both the state budget and the tax burden have mounted by more than half. New Yorkers remain far and away the most heavily taxed Americans, while the relative decline of the Empire State, political and economic alike, proceeds apace ... 'Hello Dolly' was a great campaign song for LBJ. To judge by the record, Nelson Rockefeller ought to run with 'Brother Can You Spare a Dime?'"

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The more things change, as the saying goes, the more they remain the same. Since the paragraphs cited above first appeared in print ("Critical Choice", Barron's, Dec. 17, 1973), only one part of the Rockefeller game plan has changed: the target of opportunity is the Vice Presidency, a post for which the same old theme songs ("Million-Dollar Baby," "Mr. Wonderful" and the like) evidently will serve very well. Nor has the former governor lacked for an approving chorus. On the contrary, one politico after another has jumped on Rocky's bankwagon, while the Fourth Estate again is eagerly beating the drums and sounding the bugle calls.

"Send for the Old Pro," blared The New York Times' William V. Shannon, who dubbed Rockefeller far and away the "best-qualified" man. Added Shannon: "He has served as Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America in the Roosevelt Administration, as Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the first Eisenhower Administration, and for 15 years as Governor of New York. As Governor, he introduced innovative programs, had the political courage to seek higher taxes and the political skill to persuade the Legislative to adopt them ... and proved that he could run an administration that was free of scandal."

So far as we know, to be sure, Albany has spawned neither a Teapot Dome nor a Watergate. Nonetheless, as the months go by, it grows increasingly clear that what happened to the fortunes of New York State under Rockefeller's stewardship (if that is the word) constitutes an open scandal. In early 1970, to illustrate, Rocky named to head the state Public Service Commission one Joseph C. Swidler, veteran of TVA and long-time partisan of public power. As a consequence, rates of return on Empire State utilities in general, perennially inadequate, went from bad to worse, while last April hapless Consolidated Edison—in a move which has nearly blacked out the industry—was forced to omit a quarterly dividend, sell two generating plants and scrap its expansion plans.

A fortnight ago, even as the Rocky for Veep boom began, fresh evidence of his incapacity surfaced. The U.S. Census Bureau confirmed that in the past two years, largely through exodus, New York State has been losing population. And Albany's own Select Committee on the Economy, a blue-ribbon, bipartisan body, issued a devastating, if little publicized, report showing that since the mid-'Fifties, New York State has suffered a major decline in manufacturing activity and loss of job opportunities, stemming in part from what business perceives as a hostile climate. Perhaps more than ever, the nation today faces a spate of Critical Choices. But as we have said before, Rocky isn't—or shouldn't be—one of them.

Surely not for the Administration of Gerald Ford, who last Monday assailed excessive government spending and spoke of putting the nation's economic house in order. From 1959 through fiscal 1974, which ended on March 31, New York State's budget increased from $1.9 billion to nearly $3 billion. Under Rockefeller, taxes were imposed or increased at least every other year: in 1959, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971 and 1972. During Rocky's tenure in office, the maximum rate on the personal income tax more than doubled, from 7% to 15%. Over the same period, the state gasoline levy advanced from four to eight cents a gallon, the cigaret tax from three to 15 cents per pack. A 4% state sales tax went on the books. All told, in 15 years, the tax load nearly quintupled, to the point where, according to the Citizens Public Expenditure Survey Inc., taxpayers in New York State are the most overburdened in the land.

And perhaps the worst served—with public servants like Joseph C. Swidler, who recently resigned as Chairman of the state Public Service Commission. During his long bureaucratic career, Mr. Swidler was a leading light of TVA; under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, he also guided the destinies of the Federal Power Commission, which, through wickedly shortsighted pricing policies, created the nationwide scarcity of natural gas and paved the way for the energy crisis. As head of New York's Public Service Commission, Mr. Swidler—as the fate of Consolidated Edison convincingly demonstrates—proved equally disastrous. In 1973, the company has testified, rising costs and scanty rate increases, granted only after long delay, left it with the lowest return on equity of any U.S. Public utility.

Three months later, Con Ed, for the first time in 81 years, omitted its dividend, a move which, despite a subsequent partial resumption, has sent utility shares plunging to a 17-year low and severely hurt the industry's ability to finance its expansion. Mr. Swidler, as noted, has resigned from the PSC, but not to go into well-earned retirement. Hardly. Instead, he has accepted a post as Director of the Institute for Public Policy Alternatives, a part of the State University of New York. He also is serving on Rocky's Commission on Critical Choices for Americans.

One critical choice faced by most people is where to live and work: on both essential counts, the State of New York increasingly has become an also-ran. In the two years ended July 1, 1973, the Census Bureau recently disclosed, the Empire State lost nearly 120,000 inhabitants (102,000 in the latest twelve-month period alone). That's more than five times as much as the other losers combined, and the trend is picking up speed. As to employment, the picture—to judge by the findings of the Select Committee on the State's Economy—is equally bleak. Since 1953, New York's share of the nation's manufacturing has declined from 11.2% to 9.2%—in recent years, for the first time in history, its share of total U.S. factory employment fell below its share of the U.S. population. Since the mid-'Fifties, added the Committee, this sector of the state's economy has plunged more than 20%, leading to a loss of over 400,000 jobs. Out-migration and plant relocation mount apace. "The situation is drastic."

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Nor are reasons far to seek. While the Committee cites several, including lack of industrial space, labor attitudes and out-of-state incentives, it points a clear-cut finger of blame at the deteriorating business climate. In explaining their reasons for leaving, corporate spokesman repeatedly cited such adverse factors as unemployment insurance for strikers and the high tax burden on middle-income and upper-bracket executives (which, by the way, the Committee would like to see lowered). Since Rocky's departure, the state legislature has made several sensible moves—repealing the so-called cardboard tax, doubling the investment tax credit and amending the state sales tax to broaden further the manufacturing exemption. If campaign speeches are any guide, whoever captures the governor's mansion come November, whether Republican or Democrat, will try to keep the legislative pendulum swinging the right way. New York State, in sum, already has gained by Rockefeller's departure. Its gain should not be the nation's loss.

—*Robert M. Bleiberg*

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On August 26, 1974, Mrs. ALICE WIDENER, 530 East 72nd Street, New York City, Publisher of "USA Magazine" and a self-syndicated columnist, advised Special Agent [redacted] that PETER BETER had written a book, "The Conspiracy Against The Dollar", which is critical of what BETER refers to as "Rockefeller Dynasty". b6 b7C

Mrs. WIDENER advised that, based on her review of BETER'S writings and public statements, she feels BETER'S "mental health should be questioned". Mrs. WIDENER characterized BETER as having "a monomania about the ROCKEFELLERS" and he (BETER) has been employing the vehicle of radio talk shows to convey "his personal distorted views" on what problems the world economy is facing.

Mrs. WIDENER advised that on April 23, 1974, BETER testified before the Subcommittee on International Trade of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, which was considering a bill to amend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945. During his testimony, which was given in Room 2128, Rayburn Office Building, BETER identified himself as an attorney who, since 1968, had accepted an invitation "to do business in the Republic of Zaire" (formerly the Belgian Congo). Nominee's name was not mentioned in this testimony.

The essence of "The Conspiracy Against The Dollar" by BETER is that DAVID R. ROCKEFELLER is founder of a dynasty of ROCKEFELLERS with client followers consisting of a few large corporations and political executives engaged in a crusade under the banner of "Spirit of the New Imperialism", the object of which is to dominate Europe and East-West trade, accomplished by devaluation of the dollar by separating it from gold. This has resulted in current inflation and stagnant economy according to BETER.

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XI. INTERVIEWS OF COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

On August 27, 1974, RICHARD H. KUH, District Attorney for New York County, 155 Leonard Street, New York, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C that he has no knowledge of any Grand Jury presentation regarding NELSON ROCKEFELLER's campaign spending for his third term as Governor in 1966.

On August 27, 1974, [redacted], Counsel to b6 b7C Aranow, Brodsky, Bohlinger and Einhorn (law firm), 469 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, former Chief Assistant Attorney for New York County, who resigned from that position around March 1, 1974, to assume his present position, advised that there was no basis for any action for presentation to a Grand Jury regarding NELSON ROCKEFELLER's campaign spending during his gubernatorial campaign in 1966.

On August 27, 1974, KENNETH CONBOY, Executive Assistant District Attorney for New York County, 155 Leonard Street, New York, New York, advised that he presently handles election law violations and that he is completely familiar with all the files in the New York County District Attorney's Office concerning election law violations. He stated that in regard to NELSON ROCKEFELLER's campaign financing and spending during his gubernatorial campaign in 1966, that there was no basis in fact for a presentation to a Grand Jury regarding this matter.

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On August 23, 1974, Mr. MARIO MEROLA, Democrat, Bronx County District Attorney, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, advised that he had occasional direct dealings with ROCKEFELLER when he was Chairman of the Finance Committee of the New York City Council for a period of about five years during the LINDSAY administration. He stated that these discussions involved fiscal matters pertaining to New York City and the need for State aid. He stated that being a Democrat he does not always agree with his political philosophy, but feels he is an articulate, brilliant person, and a dedicated Government servant whose character, loyalty, habits and associates he had no reason to question. He stated that he was greatly relieved when the nomination was made and is certain that he will fulfill his duties in an excellent manner.

On August 22, 1974, District Attorney JOHN M. BRAISTED, Jr., Richmond County, County Court House, Staten Island, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he would highly recommend the nominee b6
He noted that he has had some dealings with the nominee in the b7C
past and has always found him to be a man of integrity, and unquestionably above reproach.

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On August 27, 1974, CARL VERGARI, Westchester County District Attorney, 111 Grove Street, White Plains, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he first met NELSON ROCKEFELLER at a Republican Party function in Westchester County approximately seven years ago. In January, 1968, Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed Mr. VERGARI as Westchester County District Attorney. He has met the nominee at various political functions since that time and Mr. ROCKEFELLER supported him when he, Mr. VERGARI, ran for Congress two years ago. b6 b7C

Mr. VERGARI stated that he has the highest regard for NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He considers him to be one of the outstanding figures on the American political scene today. During his years as Westchester County District Attorney, Mr. VERGARI never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on NELSON ROCKEFELLER's integrity or honesty. He considers the nominee a dedicated public servant whose life is devoted to the betterment of his fellow man. He felt that NELSON ROCKEFELLER's nomination to the office of Vice President is an outstanding one and he recommended the nominee without qualification.

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On August 23, 1974, Mr. EUGENE GOLD, King County, District Attorney, Municipal Building, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since 1959, when the nominee succeeded to the Governorship of the State of New York. He advised that even though he, Mr. GOLD, is a Democrat, he is fully in accord with ROCKEFELLER's nomination for Vice President. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a dedicated public servant of the highest order, a man of character above reproach. He stated that during ROCKEFELLER's tenure as Governor of the State of New York, he served as counsel to two legislative committees and more recently has been in contact with the former Governor as the District Attorney for Kings County, New York. Mr. GOLD advised that ROCKEFELLER's political background is above reproach, and he knows of no instances of any impropriety or difficulty. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding administrator, politician, and a man of outstanding moral and ethical character. Mr. GOLD advised that he believes that the choice of ROCKEFELLER for Vice President is outstanding, as ROCKEFELLER, because of his background and personal abilities, will be able to make significant and dramatic contributions to the United States.

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XII. INTERVIEWS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

On August 22, 1974, RAYMOND A. LINDEMAN, Rockland County Sheriff, New City, New York, advised SA HUGH G. FORD that he has known the nominee since approximately 1958. He advised that although his association with the nominee has been on a political level, their relationship has been on a first name basis and he considers their relationship to be that of close friends. He advised that the nominee is an extremely able administrator of the highest moral character, and a very loyal American possessing a fine reputation. He further advised that he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature connected with the nominee's name and he felt that the nominee is an outstanding selection for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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WILLIAM SHERWOOD, Sheriff, Orange County, Goshen, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SA EDWARD J. DOHERTY. He stated that he has been acquainted with the nominee since approximately 1958, having met him at various political functions. Sheriff SHERWOOD advised that the nominee has always been very friendly and he knows of nothing derogatory concerning his character, loyalty, associates and integrity. He recommended ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President.

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XIII. INTERVIEWS OF JUDGES (STATE AND LOCAL)

On August 26, 1974, the following judges were interviewed at the Appellate Division, New York State Supreme Court, Second Department, 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]: b6 b7C

Honorable M. HENRY MARTUSCELLO advised he has known the nominee for more than ten years and had been appointed by him. He said the nominee is personable, held in the highest respect and regard, affable, intelligent and honest. He said that there is nothing in his background to embarrass him or the Administration in years to come and that his character, reputation and loyalty are excellent. He recommended him highly for the position.

Honorable MARCUS G. CHRIST, Republican, advised he has known the nominee for fifteen years and had campaigned for him in 1962. He said he had twice been appointed by the nominee. He said the nominee had extraordinary high integrity, is intelligent, capable and domineering in a nice way. He stated that the nominee has "high marks in all Departments" with guts, honesty and committment. He said the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach and recommended him highly for the position.

Honorable JAMES D. HOPKINS, Republican, advised he has known the nominee for twenty years and has had an intimate relationship with him. He stated that he was the County Executive in Westchester County, New York, and that the nominee had appointed him three different times to three different positions. He said the nominee is dynamic, energetic, with foresight, imagination and ideas beyond the ordinary. He said the nominee does not cut corners, but gets things done. He said the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty are excellent and there is nothing in his background to embarrass him or the Administration. He recommends him without reservation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 23, 1974 at the Appellate Division, Supreme Court of New York, Second Department, 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York: b6 b7C

Honorable A. DAVID BENJAMIN advised that he has known the nominee for 25 years and considers him an outstanding individual of unusual ability with a deep understanding of politics and a "command of government". He said he knew nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and that to his knowledge there was nothing in his background to embarrass either the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty are excellent and recommended him without reservation for the position of Vice President.

Honorable FRED J. MUNDER, a Republican, advised he has known the nominee casually for 20 years. He stated that he met him several times and was appointed several times by the nominee. He stated that he has a high admiration for ROCKEFELLER and said that he would make an excellent Vice President. He said that he has no criticism of the nominee and that there is nothing in his background that he knows of that might embarrass the nominee or the United States government. He said that his character, reputation, and loyalty are above reproach and recommended him highly for the position.

Honorable HENRY J. LATHAM, a Republican, advised that he has known the nominee for 17 years and was appointed to his present position by him. He said the nominee is dedicated, hard working, capable, and extremely intelligent. He said he knows nothing derogatory regarding the nominee and that there was nothing in his background that would embarrass either the nominee or the United States government. He said that the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty were excellent, and he is one hundred percent behind the nomination.

Honorable ARTHUR D. BRENNAN, a Republican, advised he has known the nominee for 15 years and thinks very highly of him. He stated that he is an outstanding individual and will be a great credit to the United States. He said that in his opinion, the nominee is the "cleanest man" in the United States and that

there is nothing in his background to embarrass either himself or the United States government. He said he is hardworking, honest, intelligent, and very capable. He said the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty are of the highest and recommended him without reservation for the position.

The following judges advised that they are not acquainted with the nominee:

Chief Judge FRANK A. GULOTTA

Honorable J. IRWIN SHAPIRO

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On March 27, 1969, Justice SAMUEL RABIN, Appellate Division, New York City Supreme Court, Second Judicial Department, Brooklyn, New York, advised he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for approximately ten years, and has had some social contact with him. He described the nominee as personable, diplomatic, and a man of great ability. He recommended him as to his character, loyalty, morals, reputation, and associates. He recommended him very highly for a position of trust and confidence.

On March 27, 1969, Justice A. DAVID BENJAMIN, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for many years and finds him to be a courteous, congenial, dignified, diplomatic person, and one who is interested in human beings throughout the world. He commented favorably as to the nominee's character, loyalty, morals, reputation and associates. He recommended the nominee very highly for a position of trust and confidence.

The following investigation was conducted on August 26, 1974, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at the Appellate Division, First Department, Supreme Court of New York, Madison Avenue and 25th Street, New York, New York: b6 b7C

Honorable FRANCIS T. MURPHY, a Democrat, advised he has known the nominee for eight years and considers him of the "highest type". He stated the nominee's integrity is excellent and he has a good reputation, is **hardworking** honest, intelligent, trustworthy, and that he knows nothing derogatory regarding him. He said there is nothing in his background to embarrass either him or the Administration and that he feels the nominee is an excellent choice whom he recommends highly.

Honorable GEORGE TILZER, a Democrat, advised that he has known the nominee for twenty years and considers him a "great guy" who is honest, capable, and a credit to the nation. He said the nominee is of the highest integrity and that his character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. He said he knows nothing regarding the nominee's background that would later embarrass him or the Administration. He recommended the nominee highly for the position.

Honorable VINCENT LUPIANO, a Democrat, advised he has known the nominee for ten years and considers him astute, honest and determined to do the right thing. He said he is an excellent politician in the best sense of the word. He added the nominee is intelligent, **hardworking** and ambitious. He advised that the nominee's standard of politics is "right down the middle." He said the nominee can do a great deal for the country and he recommended him without reservation.

Honorable MYLES J. LANE, a Democrat, advised he has known the nominee for 35 years and said he would make a great Vice President. He said that the nominee had appointed him to numerous jobs in New York State and thinks highly of the nominee's honesty, intelligence and integrity. He said he thinks the nominee is the right man for the job and recommends him without reservation.

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LEON D. LAZER, New York State Supreme Court Justice, [redacted], New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he is not acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and therefore, cannot comment concerning him. He stated that his only knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER is from the public media and he feels any opinions he has formed from this knowledge would not be valid at this time. b6 b7C

ARTHUR M. CROMARTY, New York State Supreme Court Justice, Riverhead, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974, that he has been a friend and political supporter of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for over ten years and as a matter of fact, ROCKEFELLER appointed him to the New York State Supreme Court Bench. He advised that he has had many dealings with ROCKEFELLER when he, CROMARTY, served as Republican County Chairman, and has the highest respect and admiration for Mr. ROCKEFELLER's executive ability. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an excellent co-ordinator and is demanding of those who serve under him. b6 b7C

He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a reliable and responsible individual of good character, reputation, loyalty and morals. He advised that to his knowledge, there is nothing in ROCKEFELLER's background which would embarrass the office of the Vice President, should it be made known. He advised that he does not care to comment concerning ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings since he is not intimately aware of them. He advised that if he had the opportunity to vote for ROCKEFELLER's confirmation, he would be willing to do so.

JOHN P. COHALAN, New York State Supreme Court Justice, [redacted], New York, advised on August 22, 1974, that he is slightly acquainted with ROCKEFELLER, having met him in 1958 on two or three occasions. He advised that during this time, he served as District Attorney of Suffolk County and as far as he recalls, ROCKEFELLER, at that time, was of the highest moral character and known to be of good reputation and associates. He stated that he is not aware of ROCKEFELLER's financial dealings and cannot comment concerning them. From his past experiences, b6 b7C

he feels ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding executive. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is well qualified for the office of Vice President of the United States because of his past public service and based on these qualifications, he would be proud to vote for ROCKEFELLER's confirmation.

On August 22, 1974, Judge ROBERT S. CREINDLER, New York State Supreme Court, Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished the following information to SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

He stated that he did not know ROCKEFELLER personally but that he knows of nothing that would prevent him from being a good Vice President. He stated that in his capacity as a Justice on the New York State Supreme Court, had there been any derogatory information regarding the nominee, he would have known about it. He stated that he personally fells that ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice and would be capable of handling his duties of the Vice President. He stated that he knows of no one who knows ROCKEFELLER well enough to give a recommendation.

On August 23, 1974, Judge HAROLD BAER, First Judicial District, Supreme Court, New York, New York, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since 1962, when BAER ran for public office. He felt ROCKEFELLER is eminently qualified to be Vice President of the United States. He felt the nominee did a good job as Governor of New York and is unaware of any derogatory information that would disqualify him from the Vice Presidency. He felt ROCKEFELLER was a man of ability and should prove to be a good combination with President GERALD FORD.

On August 23, 1974, Judge EDWARD GREENFIELD, First Judicial District, Supreme Court, New York, New York, advised he knows the captioned nominee. He stated he has seen ROCKEFELLER in action for about ten years and feels he is an excellent administrator. He considers the captioned nominee to be an extremely honest, hard-working, capable public servant. He knew of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and highly recommends him for a position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, WILFRED WALTEMAD, First Judicial District, Supreme Court, New York, New York, advised he knows the captioned nominee. He stated that their friendship goes back 15 years to when ROCKEFELLER first went to Albany as the Governor of the State of New York. He added he has worked with ROCKEFELLER on various legislative matters and considers the captioned nominee to be eminently qualified for the Vice Presidency. He stated that to his knowledge, there is nothing in the nominee's background that would tend to embarrass the present administration.

He stated the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty were excellent and he would recommend him without reservation for the position.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge ALEXANDER CHANANAU, First Judicial District, Supreme Court, New York, New York, advised he knows the captioned nominee. He met ROCKEFELLER years ago when both were in Albany. He felt ROCKEFELLER was an energetic, hardworking extremely honest Governor and knew of nothing in his background that would embarrass him or the United States Government. He stated the nominee's character, reputation and loyalty were beyond reproach and recommended highly for the position of Vice President.

On August 23, 1974, Judge SIDNEY ASCH, First Judicial District, Supreme Court, New York, New York, advised he and ROCKEFELLER met in Albany, when ROCKEFELLER was Governor of the State of New York. He felt ROCKEFELLER was a very effective administrator, very intelligent individual, and possessed extraordinary ability in dealing with individuals from all backgrounds. He knew of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and would have no hesitancy in recommending him for Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Judge FRANCIS BEAUSTEIN, First Judicial District, Supreme Court, New York, New York, advised he had limited contact with ROCKEFELLER in the past although he did work in conjunction with ROCKEFELLER on several legislative matters when BEAUSTEIN was associated with the New York State Planning Commission. He found ROCKEFELLER to be highly intelligent, dedicated, an individual well equipped to deal with individuals from all backgrounds. He stated ROCKEFELLER to the best of his knowledge, performed his duties as Governor in a very creditable, conscientious manner and to his knowledge, he knew of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

On August 23, 1974, Judge NATHANIEL HELMAN, First Judicial District, Supreme Court, New York, New York, advised he worked with the captioned nominee when HELMAN was in the Albany legislature during the mid 1960s. He characterized ROCKEFELLER as a morally decent man. He felt ROCKEFELLER was a good executive and proved to be an excellent Governor for the State of New York. He considers the nominee to be a

man of exceptional ability, excellent character and is very pleased he is a nominee for the Vice Presidency. He knows of absolutely no reason why ROCKEFELLER should not be nominated for the Vice Presidency.

The following judges of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial Department, Brooklyn, New York, were interviewed by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Judge CHARLES J. BECKINELLA advised he has had no personal contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER and that he is of the opinion that Mr. FORD's nomination is excellent. Mr. ROCKEFELLER is especially qualified and possesses great motivation, ability and experience. He stated that he is not aware of any indiscretions, political or social, or any instances of impropriety on the part of ROCKEFELLER and advised that he is in total accord with President FORD's nomination.

On August 26, 1974, Judge VINCENT D. DAMIANI advised he has been on the bench for twenty years and has never had any personal dealings, social or professional, with former Governor ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he only knows that which is published in the media and is aware of nothing derogatory regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Judge DAMIANI advised that as he is a member of the bench he did not believe that he was in a position to comment further regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

On August 26, 1974, Judge FRANK J. PINO advised that he had been a member of the New York State Senate as a Democrat for many years prior to the former Governor's taking of office and continued in that position until 1963. He advised that he considers NELSON ROCKEFELLER a person of complete integrity, a man of the highest ability, and an outstanding administrator. He advised that he had served on a number of commissions to which he had been appointed by the former Governor. He stated that he is not aware of any indiscretions or political situations of a derogatory nature involving the nominee. Judge PINO advised that he was heartily in accord with ROCKEFELLER's nomination.

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On August 26, 1974, Judge LOUIS HELLAR advised that he had been a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress until 1954. In the early 1950's former Governor ROCKEFELLER reported to a House committee, the International Foreign Commerce Committee, and during these hearings, NELSON ROCKEFELLER had shown himself to be a person of outstanding intelligence and a man thoroughly capable and prepared for administration. He advised that he has continued to see Mr. ROCKEFELLER over the last twenty years and considers him an outstanding choice for the Vice Presidency. He stated that it is of "great credit to Mr. FORD in his having made such a nomination". He stated that he knows nothing of an improper or derogatory nature concerning the nominee and that he is much in accord with President FORD's nomination of ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency.

On August 26, 1974, Judge COURTNEY MC GROARTY advised that he knows of former Governor ROCKEFELLER only through the media and is aware of no improprieties or indiscretions regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised that although he is of a different political persuasion he feels that ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding choice as the nominee for Vice President.

On August 26, 1974, Judge SIMON J. LIEBOWITZ advised that he had formerly served in the State Legislature and had had many legislative dealings with former Governor ROCKEFELLER. He advised he considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER a compassionate and honorable man who is a person of outstanidng moral character. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is a man of his word, a person of outstanding integrity, and a "man of great character". Judge LIEBOWITZ stated he knows nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the nominee and highly recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency.

On August 26, 1974, Judge HAROLD J. MC LAUGHLIN advised that although he and the nominee are of different political persuasions, he is highly in accord with President FORD's nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice President. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an outstanding American, a person of the highest moral character, a statesman and an outstanding administrator. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background both in national and international politics speaks for itself and he is highly in accord with Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination.

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On August 27, 1974, Judge ANTHONY J. DI GIOVANNA, Chairman of the Board of Justices, advised that he has known the nominee through contacts with him over many years while serving on the bench. He advised that he considers the nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be excellent and that he considers the nominee to be a man of outstanding integrity, honesty and intelligence. He advised that he has, at one time or another, been in disagreement with several of the former Governor's policies, but nevertheless would consider ROCKEFELLER to be an outstanding choice and a man who can contribute greatly to the executive branch of our Government.

On August 27, 1974, Judge WILLIAM T. COWIN advised that he received a judicial appointment from former Governor ROCKEFELLER in 1961 to a position on the Civil Court of the City of New York. He stated that since that time, he has received a number of appointments and reappointments from ROCKEFELLER and considers the nominee to be a person of unquestioned character, an able administrator and a devoted public servant. He advised that he is in total accord with President FORD's nomination and feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background in state, national and international politics and affairs will be a great asset to him as Vice President of the United States.

On August 27, 1974, Judge MILTON MOLLEN advised that he has known the nominee for a number of years, having formerly been the Chairman of the Housing and Redevelopment Board with the State of New York, and also serving on the Governor's Committee to Accelerate Middle-Income Houses for the State of New York. He advised that although he is a Democrat and has disagreed on many political issues with Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he feels ROCKEFELLER has the knowledge, integrity and experience to be an outstanding Vice President. He is in total agreement with President FORD's nomination of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States. Judge MOLLEN advised that he is aware of no instances of impropriety regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and advised that he is very pleased with the nomination.

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On August 27, 1974, Judge THOMAS R. JONES advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER since 1959, when he, JONES, served as a member of the New York State Legislature. He advised that to his knowledge the Governor has never been involved in any instance of impropriety or indiscretion. The nominee is a person of outstanding moral character. He advised that the nominee is an outstanding administrator, a dedicated public servant and a man of great capabilities. Judge JONES advised that he believes NELSON ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President of the United States.

On August 27, 1974, Judge JOSEPH R. CORSO advised that he has known the nominee since he, CORSO, worked on various legislative committees in the United States Congress between 1949 and 1966. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's conduct, politically and socially, are above reproach and he considers ROCKEFELLER a man of outstanding character and an extremely experienced and dedicated administrator. Judge CORSO advised that he feels the choice of NELSON ROCKEFELLER for Vice President is excellent and that ROCKEFELLER will make an outstanding Vice President, bringing with him to that office his prestige and experience in national and international affairs. Judge CORSO advised that he is aware of no indiscretions or improprieties in the nominee's background and stated that the nominee will be a definite asset to the United States Government.

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On August 27, 1974, Supreme Court Justice FRANK O'CONNOR, [redacted], New York, advised SA BERNARD G. HARRINGTON that he has known the Vice President designate for many years politically, but has never had any social contacts with him nor private meetings. He stated that his primary knowledge of former Governor ROCKEFELLER occurred in 1966 when the latter was the Republican nominee for the governorship. Judge O'CONNOR stated that the Republican convention was in September and ordinarily the campaign would start thereafter and proceed to its culmination on Election Day, November. However, commencing about June, 1966, the ROCKEFELLER Campaign Committee started a colossal effort on television and radio sponsoring NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the governorship. He stated that great and spectacular promises were made by the Vice President designate concerning what he would accomplish when in office. b6 b7C

Judge O'CONNOR could not estimate the amount of money expended by the ROCKEFELLER forces in the campaign, but had heard and read in newspaper accounts that it was acknowledged that ten million dollars had been spent. Judge O'CONNOR stated he could not verify the amount, but felt that it could have gone much higher. He emphasized, however, that he had no personal knowledge of the amount of money spent by the ROCKEFELLER forces and he believed that the true amount would never be known. He stated that his, **Judge O'Connor's campaign had cost in the vicinity of $600,000.**

Judge O'CONNOR stated that he knew of no investigation which had been conducted into the Republican campaign finances for the governorship in 1966.

Subsequent to Judge FRANK O'CONNOR leaving his office as District Attorney for Queens County, Governor ROCKEFELLER appointed a Republican, NAT HENTEL, to that office. At one point of time, then District Attorney HENTEL publicly declared that during the tenure of District Attorney FRANK O'CONNOR, Assistant District Attorney positions had been purchased.

Judge O'CONNOR stated this infuriated him because of the baseless accusation and because his administration of the District Attorney's Office had been open and honest. He met Governor ROCKEFELLER at the funeral of six New York City firemen who had been killed in an accident and he approached Governor ROCKEFELLER to complain of the allegations made by NAT HENTEL. Governor ROCKEFELLER stated he had nothing to do with these allegations and knew nothing concerning them. Judge O'CONNOR stated he had to take this at face value.

Judge O'CONNOR stated that he knew of nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon the Vice President designate's character, reputation or good citizenship. However, he refused to make any comments concerning his statesmanship ability and to make any recommendation as to his appointment to the Vice Presidency of the United States.

It is noted that Judge FRANK O'CONNOR opposed the nominee in the 1966 gubernatorial election as the Democratic candidate.

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Judge EDWARD M. O'GORMAN, Supreme Court, Orange County, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SA EDWARD J. DOHERTY. Judge O'GORMAN advised that he has known the nominee since the late 1950's, and added that although he has never been closely associated with the nominee, he has always found him to be of excellent character, loyalty and a real gentleman. He recommended him highly for the position involved.

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On August 21, 1974, Judge FRANK D. PAULO, Surrogate's Court, New York State Supreme Court, Richmond County Court House, Staten Island, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) ALBERT E. FALLER that he was a Municipal Court Judge beginning in 1954, and since 1962 has been with the Surrogate Court. He stated that while he is not a member of the nominee's political party, he feels that the nominee is a very fine individual and an excellent choice. He stated that during his entire career he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature reflecting on the honesty, character, and associations of the nominee.

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On August 23, 1974, former Columbia County Judge WILLIAM F. CHRISTIANA, Hudson, New York, advised SA LYNN E. MC CREDY that he has known the nominee for approximately 20 years although he has had more contact with him since being appointed to the bench in November, 1960. He stated he has always had a very high opinion of the nominee and feels he has devoted his adult life to public service. He considers the nominee to be completely dedicated to the American principles and he has never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on his reputation or associations. Judge CHRISTIANA said he feels ROCKEFELLER's nomination is eminently justified and he feels he will make an outstanding Vice President.

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Honorable ABRAHAM ISAEKS, County Court Judge, Orange County, New York, was interviewed on August 22, 1974, by SA EDWARD J. DOHERTY. He stated that he first met the nominee through MALCOLM WILSON who is currently the Governor of New York State. He stated that at the time, the nominee was entering the political field and since meeting the nominee, he has always found him above reproach. He stated he knew nothing derogatory concerning his character, reputation or loyalty and recommended him highly for the position involved.

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On August 22, 1974, JOHN A. GALLUCCI, Rockland County Court Judge, New City, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he has met the nominee on a few occasions in the past ten or twelve years but he did not consider himself to be a close friend. He stated that these meetings had been on a social level and although he is of a different political persuasion than the nominee, he feels that his selection as Vice President of the United States is an excellent one. He stated that he had found the nominee to be a very alert and personable individual whose reputation of being honest and straightforward is above reproach. He stated that everything he has heard concerning the nominee has shown him to be an individual of the highest integrity.

PETER J. McQUILLAN, New York City Criminal Court Judge, [redacted], New York, New York 10021, who formerly resided at [redacted], New York, until August 24, 1974, advised SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 that he has known the nominee for approximately ten years and was appointed by the nominee as Director of the New York State Office of Crime Control Planning. During the past ten years he has had personal contact with the nominee and stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character and reputation are first-rate and that there is absolutely no question regarding his loyalty to the United States. b6 b7C

McQUILLAN advised he knows of no discriminatory practices, improprieties, or derogatory information concerning the nominee or any members of his family. He stated he feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER is exceptionally well-qualified for the office of Vice President and he would highly recommend him for any position in the United States Government.

J. WOLFE CHASSEN, New York City Criminal Court Judge, [redacted], New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 that he had only met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER on one occasion at a social function. Judge CHASSEN advised that from all he has heard concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he understands him to be an outstanding person. He knows of no derogatory information or any improprieties and would recommend the nominee for Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

MICHAEL M. SKODNICK, New York City Criminal Court Judge, [redacted] New York 11432, advised SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 that he does not know the nominee personally. However, he has heard of no derogatory information concerning the nominee and would recommend him for any position of trust in the United States Government. b6 b7C

THOMAS E. ROHAN, New York City Criminal Court Judge, [redacted], New York, New York 10032, advised SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 that he knows the nominee through correspondence and telephone conversations with him and his office. Mr. ROCKEFELLER appointed ROHAN as Chairman of the New York State Liquor Authority and ROHAN was Chairman for approximately one and one-half years under the governorship of Mr. ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

Judge ROHAN stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is of excellent character and reputation, even though he is a member of a political party other than Judge ROHAN's. He stated the nominee possesses outstanding administrative ability and unquestionable loyalty to the United States. He stated that he has heard absolutely nothing that would indicate any improprieties on the part of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee or members of his immediate family.

Judge ROHAN stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is "fully qualified" and highly recommended by himself for the office of Vice President.

DANIEL S. WEISS, New York City Criminal Court Judge, [redacted], New York, New York 10003, advised SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 that he has never known the nominee personally, but from all he has heard he considers his character and reputation to be excellent. He b6 b7C

advised he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee or his immediate family, and he feels the nominee is one of the most dedicated men in the United States today. Judge WEISS stated he would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for any position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

AARON F. GOLDSTEIN, New York City Criminal Court Judge, [redacted], New York 11435, advised SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974 that he never met the nominee politically or socially, and has no basis on which to comment regarding his character, reputation or loyalty. He stated he knows of no derogatory information concerning the nominee or his family, nor of any improprieties in the nominee's public or private life. He further advised that he has no knowledge concerning the nominee's qualifications for Vice President.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974: b6 b7C

Judge IRVING LANG, Acting Supreme Court Judge, New York Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, home address - [redacted], New York, New York, b6 b7C advised that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for some time on both a professional and personal basis and through this, he believes that ROCKEFELLER is eminently qualified to serve as Vice President of the United States in that he is generally known to be an individual of outstanding character. He further advised that he has no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and further, that he believes ROCKEFELLER to be the best choice for the position.

Judge JOAN O'DWYER, New York Criminal Court Judge, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, home address - [redacted], New York, advised that she has officially changed her name from "JOAN O'NEILL". She advised that she has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER either in her professional career or personally and, therefore, she could not comment accurately on his character or loyalty. She further advised that she has no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

Judge NICHOLAS TSOUCALAS, New York Criminal Court Judge, City of New York, home address - [redacted], New York, advised that he believes NELSON ROCKEFELLER to be extremely capable and competent and well fitted for the job of Vice President. Further, TSOUCALAS advised that of the possible choices, he believes that ROCKEFELLER has the most experience and, therefore, is the best qualified choice. He is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER but has been aware of his activities in politics for several years. He further advised that he knows of no derogatory information concerning NELSON ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

Judge LOUIS CIOFFI, Acting Supreme Court Judge, Department 1, Bronx, New York Criminal Court, home address - [redacted], New York, advised that he has not personally known NELSON ROCKEFELLER and that, by way of little knowledge, he believes ROCKEFELLER to be a fair choice for the office of Vice President. He advised that he knows nothing b6 b7C

derogatory regarding ROCKEFELLER's character and loyalty to the United States.

Judge EDWARD PINCUS, New York Criminal Court Judge, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, home address - [redacted], New York, advised that he has personally met NELSON ROCKEFELLER on several occasions and has always held him in the highest regard. He believes ROCKEFELLER to be a fine person of the highest character and of deep loyalty to the United States. Personally, Judge PINCUS believes that ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice for Vice President of the United States. He knows absolutely of no derogatory information regarding ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Judge JULIUS A. HELLENBRAND, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he and his wife personally know NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, having become acquainted through the State Legislature, where Mrs. HELLENBRAND served for five years. Judge HELLENBRAND advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a very able individual of high moral character and an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Judge HELLENBRAND stated that he knows of nothing which would reflect adversely on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's qualifications for Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Judge JOEL J. TYLER, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER at a large banquet in New York City in 1966. He stated that he briefly exchanged pleasantries with Mr. ROCKEFELLER at the banquet but has had no other contact with him since that time. Judge TYLER stated that he knows of no unfavorable information regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and feels he is an excellent choice for the position of Vice President. b6 b7C

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Judge CLAUDIUS S. MATTHEWS, New York City Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, was contacted on August 26, 1974, by SA [redacted]. Judge MATTHEWS stated that although he was not personally acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER, he approves whole heartedly with President FORD's decision to appoint him as Vice President. Judge MATTHEWS stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER handled the Attica Prison affair in the finest manner and considered the matter nothing more than an administrative problem with no reason for him to become involved. Judge MATTHEWS added that Governor ROCKEFELLER knows people and how to deal with them and that he (ROCKEFELLER) first appointed Dr. KISSINGER to his staff before he (KISSINGER) went to Washington. Judge MATTHEWS considers Governor ROCKEFELLER to be a tremendous asset to his country, and his being nominated Vice President only makes him more so.

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The following judges of the Civil Court of the City of New York, Kings County, New York, were contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on August 21, 1974: b6 b7C

Judge ABRAHAM SCHULMAN, [redacted] New York, advised that he is the Administrator Judge for the Civil Court of the City of New York in Brooklyn, New York. He stated that he has never met NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER and is not in a position to make any comments concerning him. b6 b7C

Judge HENRY BRAMWELL, [redacted] New York, advised that he has known and campaigned with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER since about 1970. He stated that they are both members of the Republican Party and that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be an excellent choice for the position of Vice President. He stated that ROCKEFELLER is fully qualified and will do an excellent job if appointed to the Vice President position. He stated he will highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for this position. b6 b7C

Judge IRVING S. ARONIN, [redacted] New York, advised that he has never met NELSON ROCKEFELLER. He stated that he is a Democrat and that the only information he knows concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER is from what he sees and hears in the media. He advised that he could furnish no derogatory information concerning Mr. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. He stated that he could think of worse nominees and better nominees for the Vice President position. He stated, however, that Mr. ROCKEFELLER"seems to fit"and it appears that his nomination is strictly from political consideration. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, Judge PASQUALE E. DI VERNIERI, Civil Court, City of New York, 927 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, New York advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has never met the nominee. He stated that he has no information that might prove to be a source of embarrassment to the President or the nation. He knows of no reason why ROCKEFELLER should not be confirmed Vice President. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, Judge JOHN J. KELLY, Civil Court, City of New York, 927 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he met the nominee only two or three times and does not feel he knows him personally. He knows of nothing that would prejudice the nominee in fulfilling his duties as Vice President, nor does he know of anything that would bear unfavorably upon ROCKEFELLER's character. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Judge CHARLES D'ARRIGO, Civil Court, City of New York, 927 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has known the nominee for about six years. He met him personally on only four or five occasions. He knows nothing first hand or from hearsay concerning the nominee that is of a controversial nature or might be a future source of embarrassment to the President. He knows of no reason why the nominee should not be the Vice President. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, JOSEPH DEUTSCH, New York State Family Court Judge, [redacted], [redacted], New York, advised SA BERNARD G. HARRINGTON that he had only one social contact with former Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER and knew little concerning him other than that which has appeared in the public print. He stated that he has never heard anything that would adversely affect the nominee's character, reputation or loyalty. He stated further, that he knew nothing that would interfere with ROCKEFELLER's nomination as Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

Judge JOHN T. MAZZEO, New York State Family Court, Orange County, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 23, 1974, that he first met the nominee when he was campaigning for political office in 1958, in New York State. He stated that he feels that President FORD has made an excellent selection in his choice of the nominee for this position. He recommends him highly without any reservation. b6 b7C

On August 22, 1974, Judge RALPH CORY, Family Court Judge, New York State, [redacted], New York, advised SA ALBERT E. FALLER that he has never found any reason to question the integrity and honesty of the nominee during his many years of public service. He stated that nothing has ever come to his attention of a controversial nature that would reflect on his morality, financial dealings, or associations. He recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, Family Court Judge SIMEON GOLAR, [redacted], New York, advised b6 b7C SA BERNARD G. HARRINGTON that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for some years, but only met him on three occasions. At each time he was most pleasant and helpful and Judge GOLAR considered him to be a responsible, loyal American of good character. Nothing of an adverse nature has ever come to his attention and he felt that former Governor ROCKEFELLER's appointment as Vice President of the United States would be fine for the country.

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On August 22, 1974, JOSEPH B. WILLIAMS, New York City Deputy Administrative Judge, Family Division, [redacted], New York, New York, a member of a race other than that of the nominee, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the nominee since the latter's first campaign for Governor. He stated that he worked on that campaign and a subsequent campaign, and has had contact with him since then primarily concerning minority groups' problems. WILLIAMS stated that he thinks ROCKEFELLER is "just a fantastic person", that he is courteous, levelheaded, and calm, and that he is human, decent and sensitive to the needs, hopes and desires of minority groups. He stated that he does not agree with everything that ROCKEFELLER has done while Governor, but believes that he is honest, sincere and impartial regarding his decisions.

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He stated that he admired ROCKEFELLER greatly because "he ran a tight, clean ship" as Governor, because he is courageous, clean, crisp and responsive to issues, and has always been fair and unprejudiced. He stated he is a very capable, dedicated, public servant, who is entirely loyal to the United States, and that he heartily endorses his nomination for the Vice Presidency.

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PATRICIA COLLINS, Judge, Family Court, Nassau County, New York, advised SA JOHN G. FLEMING on August 23, 1974, that she has known the nominee for many years and considers him to be an excellent choice for the Vice Presidency. She advised she believes in the old statement told her by a Nassau County political leader, "Never send a hungry man to the till." She stated the only personal ambition Mr. ROCKEFELLER has is to be President and that is a wish that every mother desires for her son. She said he is a mature and experienced man who is motivated by altruistic feelings for America. He is a very rich man and in spite thereof has great compassion for the poor and is understanding of urban problems. He has served the people for years and no one has accused him of making dirty deals and she stated that no one ever came to her court requesting any favors because they knew the Governor. She said he is beholden to no one and aside from personal differences concerning issues like abortion, etcetera, she considers him to be thoroughly honest, trustworthy and above reproach. She said that in the event the President died, he would be a very knowledgeable and experienced individual to take over.

Judge COLLINS stated that she has been entertained at his various residences and in Albany and has found him to be a most gracious host with charisma. She was aware of no indiscretions or improprieties on his part that could possibly lead to embarrassment of him or the government. She stated that she considers him to be an excellent choice and would recommend him without qualification.

XIV. INTERVIEWS OF JUDGES (FEDERAL)

The following judges of the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, were contacted:

On August 22, 1974, Chief Judge JACOB MISHLER advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has met the nominee on several occasions but has never had any personal dealings with Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and knows of no impropriety or political shortcomings on Mr. ROCKEFELLER's part. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's vast and prestigious background will be a definite asset to him in his nominated position, and Chief Judge MISHLER advised that he is heartily in agreement with President FORD's nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, Senior Judge LEO F. RAYFIEL, advised that he knows very little regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background other than what he has read or heard through the media. He advised that to his knowledge Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a person of outstanding capabilities, a devoted public servant and a man whose moral character is above reproach. Judge RAYFIEL advised that through contact with him over the years he has never been aware of any political difficulties regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's dedication and professional experience **are** a great asset to this country. He advised that he is in total accord with the President's nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER, if confirmed to his nominated position, will be a great asset to the United States.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge JOHN F. DOOLING, JR. advised that he has had no personal contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER and has only known of Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S prestige and accomplishments through his coverage of the media. Judge DOOLING advised that as he has had no personal contact and no professional contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER he would decline to comment regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S nomination.

On August 23, 1974, Judge ANTHONY TRAVIA advised that he has known former Governor ROCKEFELLER for over 25 years both socially and politically. Judge TRAVIA advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER when he had spent 10 years as Minority Speaker in the New York Legislative, beginning in 1959, and advised that during this period he worked very closely with the former Governor. He advised that he continues to see Mr. ROCKEFELLER on occasion and advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is the "most dedicated and interested person in public service." He advised that in all of his years of contact with Mr. ROCKEFELLER he has never known of any impropriety or political shortcoming regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and advised that his contact with international affairs, his broad background, experience in economic and financial circles, and his dedicated and outstanding political career would enable him to fulfill the role of Vice President, if confirmed, without any difficulties at all. He said that the ROCKEFELLER family and Mr. ROCKEFELLER'S personal contacts and activities are without question, and Judge TRAVIA advised that he stands behind President FORD'S nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice President without qualification.

On August 23, 1974, Judge EDWARD K. NEAHER advised that although he has never had any personal, social, or professional dealings with Mr. ROCKEFELLER he considers him a person of excellent character and a man of the highest integrity. He advised that the nominee has an exceptionally broad background in international, domestic, economic and political activities and is a dedicated public servant. He stated that he would endorse, without question, the nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice President, and advised that he has never heard of, or personally known of, any activities or circumstances of a derogatory nature in reference to NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

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On August 23, 1974, Judge JACK WEINSTEIN advised that he has never had any personal or professional dealings with Mr. ROCKEFELLER but advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be a person of the highest integrity. Mr. ROCKEFELLER has a reputation of a substantial intellectual and ethical background with experience in domestic, international and economic circles. He advised that he is in complete accord with President FORD'S nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and advised that to his knowledge there are very few, if any, people of the character and caliber of the nominee.

On August 23, 1974, Judge MARK COSTANTINO advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER since 1958 before ROCKEFELLER succeeded to the position of Governor for the State of New York. He had also dealt with Mr. ROCKEFELLER when he, Mr. COSTANTINO, had been a member of the Judiciary of the City Court of New York. He advised that he continues to see the nominee on a social capacity and considers him a man of complete integrity and a man of a moral character above reproach. He stated that his outstanding background, his record as an executive of the State of New York, and his personal abilities as an administrator make him an exceptional man to be considered for this position. Judge COSTANTINO advised that he is in accord with the President's nomination without qualification. Mr. ROCKEFELLER, if confirmed to this position, should prove to be a man of outstanding ability and service to his country, in even greater magnitude than he has shown as a public servant to date.

On August 27, 1974, SA [redacted] was advised b6 b7C
by THOMAS C. PLATT, United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, that he had initially associated with the nominee, when he, THOMAS PLATT, had been campaign manager for President NIXON in Huntington, Long Island, in 1960. Following that, he had attended three Republican National conventions as a delegate. The New York Delegation, in 1966, was headed by the former Governor ROCKEFELLER. He advised that he knows of no social, political or personal indiscretions on the part of NELSON ROCKEFELLER and advised that he is aware of no improprieties on the part of the former Governor. He stated that he is very much in accord with President FORD's nomination and stated that he believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background as an outstanding administrator in both national and international affairs will be a great asset to the Executive Branch of our Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 22, 1974: b6 b7C

Honorable CHARLES L. BRIEANT, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York, who resides at Cedar Lane, Ossining, New York, advised that he has had no contact, either socially or professionally, with the nominee and he knows him by reputation only. He stated that he knows nothing derogatory concerning the nominee and he regards him as a man who is certainly public spirited and well thought of in all circles. He cannot make any sort of recommendation except by reputation and he would highly recommend him for a trustworthy position based on this reputation.

Honorable CHARLES E. STEWART, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York, who resides at Pawling, New York, advised that he never met the nominee either personally or professionally, and he knows him only by reputation. He stated that the nominee's reputation is very high and that he, the nominee, is certainly incorruptible and above reproach in regard to his character, reputation and loyalty.

On August 23, 1974, United States District Judge LLOYD F. MAC MAHON, Southern District of New York, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that he is a Republican and has known the nominee for approximately 19 years. He stated that the nominee is a "terrific individual" who is well qualified and will be a great asset to the position of Vice President. He said the nominee is hardworking, extremely capable, and there is nothing in his background that would later be embarrassing to either the nominee or the United States government. He said the nominee's character, reputation, and loyalty are above reproach and he recommended him without reservation for the position. b6 b7C

XV. INTERVIEWS OF RACIAL LEADERS

On August 23, 1974, Mr. HERBERT HILL, National Labor Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), [redacted], New York, was interviewed by SA THOMAS BEECH concerning the appointment of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States. HILL stated that he was enthusiastic about the appointment of ROCKEFELLER and believed that he would make a good Vice President. He stated that in the past he has attended many conferences with ROCKEFELLER when he was Governor of the State of New York. He stated that he believes ROCKEFELLER to be a loyal American citizen of good moral character who has an excellent reputation as an administrator. He stated that although he has had some past differences with the nominee regarding various issues, he still thought him to be an excellent choice for the office of Vice President. HILL stated that he is unaware of any allegations linking the nominee to anything of a derogatory nature.

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On August 27, 1974, JACK GREENBERG, Chief Counsel, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Defense and Education Fund, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, New York, advised that his two or three meetings with the nominee were social and perfunctory and that he could furnish no information of his own knowledge concerning the nominee. He said that he is favorably impressed by the nominee as a public official; that he knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning his character or loyalty and that he favors his appointment as Vice President.

[redacted], Personnel Department, Time Inc., residence [redacted], New York, who is of another ethnic background than the nominee, advised SA [redacted] on August 26, 1974, that he is acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER both personally and in connection with civic affairs, and has been since 1944. He stated that the nominee has done a good job on minority issues and he feels that the nominee is held in high regard by the Black community as a whole. He said, however, that there were some in the Black community who resented his handling of the Attica Prison rebellion, but it was his opinion that this affair was handled by the nominee properly when the nominee was still Governor. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated that, in his opinion, the nominee is very capable of handling the job of Vice President of the United States, and is completely loyal to the nation and its citizens. He said that he knew nothing derogatory about the nominee's personal or political life or those of his family. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, CLARENCE JONES, Editor and Publisher, "The New York Amsterdam News", 2340 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] that he had been special legal counsel for the late Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and, as such, had, on several occasions, met the nominee. However, it was not until the inmate rebellion at Attica State Prison, Attica, New York, in September, 1971, that the nominee became known to him on a more personal basis.

JONES advised that he had been one of several persons requested by the Attica inmates to serve on a committee to negotiate their demands. JONES stated that during that crisis he had several telephone conversations with the nominee, who at that time was Governor of New York. According to JONES it had been the nominee's position that he (the nominee) could serve no useful purpose by making a personal appearance at Attica State Prison, since he (the nominee) could not grant amnesty to the rebellious inmates.

JONES felt that this decision by the nominee had been a grave "political mistake" and it was a decision made by the nominee based on the poor advice of others.

JONES stated that it was his personal judgement that the nominee had exercised "abysmal failure of executive moral leadership" in his decision not to personally appear at Attica State Prison in response to the inmates' demand.

JONES advised that since the Attica matter, he has come to believe strongly in the nominee and feels that the nominee is a man of outstanding moral integrity, honesty and dedicated commitment to public service.

JONES stated he does not have the slightest question regarding the nominee's ability to handle the position of Vice President of the United States. JONES commented that this would be the ideal time to elevate the role and duties of the Vice President because the nominee's extraordinary experience and executive ability qualify him to be our first "Assistant President".

JONES stated that the nominee has "natural built-in checks against dishonesty". His personal wealth places him in the unique position of being incorruptible, and JONES felt the nominee was the exception to the old saying "Every man has his price."

JONES advised that while he has recently worked closely with the nominee on the Commission on Critical Choices for Americans, he does not know the nominee well enough to comment on his personal morals. JONES did point out that the nominee only drinks Dubonnet wine "on the rocks" and he has never seen him drink to excess.

JONES felt that there is no politician alive today who has assisted the black man as much as the nominee. JONES stated that the entire ROCKEFELLER family has been committed to the equality of opportunity for all races, religions and creeds, and that the nominee had evidenced this long before it became fashionable to do so.

JONES pointed to the fact that it was ROCKEFELLER money which founded Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and he remarked that the nominee has always included numerous black appointments in his past administrations.

JONES stated he is a registered Democrat but does not find it difficult to speak highly of the nominee, who is a member of the Republican Party, because he feels the nominee's commitment to public service transcends party lines.

JONES pointed out that he has met socially, as well as on a business basis, with the nominee on numerous occasions, the last time being August 5, 1974. JONES stated he has not spoken with the nominee since his nomination as Vice President, but he did send him a congratulatory telegram.

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On August 26, 1974, HENRY LEE MOON, [redacted], New York, advised SA [redacted] that he recently retired as Public Relations Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and that he had some contact with the nominee while in that position. He stated that he regards the nominee as a "Liberal Republican" who was progressive but in recent years has become increasingly conservative. He said that he was disappointed in the nominee's action in Attica and felt that he should have appeared on the scene of the prison riot. He said that he may not have been able to accomplish much by his presence but that he would have at least sustained his reputation as a concerned, humanitarian individual. He said that he observed the nominee in a situation where he was the only white man among a number of blacks and that he was greatly impressed on this occasion because the nominee appeared to be perfectly at ease, whereas most white people, when thrust into such a situation, usually gave evidence of being very uncomfortable. He said that he has observed in the nominee a slowing down of his pronouncements in favor of Liberal causes and his image, although not changing to conservative, has become less liberal. He said that he could not give specific examples of these causes and in spite of these observations, he feels that the nominee is competent and because of his vast experience, capable of fulfilling the Vice Presidential positon. He said that he never had any reason to question the nominee's character, integrity, or loyalty to the United States and that he would not join any group to oppose his nomination to the Vice Presidency.

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XVI. INTERVIEWS OF MEMBERS OF NEW YORK CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

On August 27, 1974, [redacted], Executive Assistant to United States Representative BELLA S. ABZUG, [redacted] New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that Congresswoman ABZUG had been made aware of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) inquiry regarding NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, the nominee for Vice President of the United States. [redacted] stated that Congresswoman ABZUG is opposed to the nomination of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER and will make a public statement to that effect. [redacted] stated that Congresswoman ABZUG had no knowledge of the nominee's personal affairs and felt that she could add nothing further.

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On August 27, 1974, United States Representative MARIO BIAGGI, Democrat-Conservative, Bronx and Queens Counties, New York, advised Special Agents [redacted] b6 and [redacted] b7C that he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the past 13 years. BIAGGI said that as a politician ROCKEFELLER wields "a great deal of political power in a ruthless fashion". He declined to further elaborate on this statement.

In regard to discrimination, BIAGGI mentioned that a large number of individuals of Italian descent living in New York State were not being given their "fair share" during the tenure of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Governor of New York. He admitted, however, that individuals of Italian descent fared no better under administrations prior to ROCKEFELLER'S.

It was BIAGGI'S opinion that the biggest problem that ROCKEFELLER would have in confirmation of his nomination for the Vice Presidency is a possible conflict of interest due to his vast financial holdings. BIAGGI stated that he had no direct knowledge of any improprieties on the part of ROCKEFELLER, however, would reserve recommendation of ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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On August 28, 1974, United States Representative HUGH L. CAREY, Democrat, Queens County, New York, and presently a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York State, was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. At this time CAREY stated that he has known ROCKEFELLER since 1960 but only in an official capacity. He mentioned that he knows of no specific information concerning ROCKEFELLER'S loyalty, character or reputation which would disqualify him from consideration as Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

CAREY mentioned that he felt that ROCKEFELLER should have been more critical of President NIXON'S handling of the Watergate situation and that ROCKEFELLER should have exerted a higher moral leadership during the period of Watergate.

Congressman CAREY further stated that he would make no comment on recommending ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President until the confirmation hearings are completed.

XVII. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

On August 27, 1974, JOHN SWING, Vice President and Secretary, Council on Foreign Relations, Incorporated, 58 East 68th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that the nominee has been a member of this organization since 1936. He stated that the organization is comprised of prominent American citizens who use its headquarters as a meeting place to discuss foreign policy. He stated that the nominee's brother, DAVID, is presently Chairman of the Board of Directors, but that the nominee never held any office in the organization. He said, however, that he has been an active member in that he has attended various discussions on foreign policy, particularly those discussions involving South America. He stated that he has known the nominee for approximately ten years through this organization and has found him to be a very competent, knowledgeable individual who is a dedicated loyal American. He stated that because of his vast experience in public office, his high ideals and his great integrity, he would be of great service to the United States as Vice President.

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XVIII. INTERVIEWS OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS

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Eastern District of New York:

On August 21, 1974, Mr. DAVID G. TRAEGER, United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), advised that he has never worked in any capacity with the nominee, and stated that he has the highest regard for Mr. ROCKEFELLER. He advised that the former Governor's record speaks eloquently for itself, and he has the highest respect for Mr. ROCKEFELLER's professional abilities. He stated that although he is not personally in total accordance with some of the former Governor's policies as Governor, he would consider him a very wise and worthy choice for the position of Vice President. Mr. TRAEGER stated that his personal knowledge is only that of a publicly informed voter, but he knows of no improprieties or controversial situations regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and stated further that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will make an excellent Vice President.

Southern District of New York:

On August 22, 1974, Mr. PAUL J. CURRAN, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York (SDNY), Foley Square, New York, advised that he had been initially associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER, in 1963, when he was a member of the New York State Assembly. He advised that in 1966 he became the New York City Representative to the New York State Legislature, and in this capacity, worked more closely with the nominee. He advised that in 1968 he was appointed to the New York State Commission of Investigation, and in 1969 became chairman of that body. In this capacity, he continued to work

or an even more closely related basis with the former Governor. Mr. CURRAN advised that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an excellent choice for the position, and has the needed and necessary background, experience, and ability to be an excellent Vice President. He advised that, to his knowledge, he has never heard of any improprieties, indiscretions, or any controversial situations regarding the former Governor. Mr. CURRAN stated that he considers the Governor a man of outstanding professional capability, to be what the President, Mr. FORD, desired, a "man that would make a good President". He stated that in his past daily workings with the former Governor, he found Mr. ROCKEFELLER able to be an outstanding administrator, able to handle conflicts with personnel and policies with a true professional and authoritative manner. Mr. CURRAN advised that he could think of no one as qualified as Mr. ROCKEFELLER and highly supported the President's nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice President.

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On August 26, 1974, BENJAMIN BUTLER, United States Marshal, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), United States Courthouse, Brooklyn, New York, advised he knows the nominee and stated he first met ROCKEFELLER in 1954, and has known him since that time. He stated he was in ROCKEFELLER's administration in Albany, working in an investigative capacity. He considers ROCKEFELLER eminently qualified to be Vice President of the United States and added he knew of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER.

On August 26, 1974, THOMAS FERADINO, United States Magistrate, Southern District of New York (SDNY), United States Courthouse, New York, New York, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER about 12 years. He noted he first met ROCKEFELLER when he was part of ROCKEFELLER's administration in Albany. He characterized ROCKEFELLER as a man of action, one who is eminently qualified for an executive position. He added he knew of no derogatory information which could be of embarrassment to the present administration.

On August 27, 1974, Judge GERALD GOETELL, United States Magistrate, SDNY, United States Courthouse, New York, New York, advised he has known nominee since 1958 when they both attended political functions together. He noted he has not had much involvement with ROCKEFELLER but the contact he has had has convinced him ROCKEFELLER would make a fine Vice President. He felt ROCKEFELLER is an excellent administrator, outstanding Governor, and characterized the nominee as a man of impeccable credentials. Judge GOETELL added he knew of no derogatory information concerning ROCKEFELLER and would recommend him.

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On August 27, 1974, Judge MARTIN JACOBS, United States Magistrate, SDNY, United States Courthouse, New York, New York, advised he has had very limited contact with ROCKEFELLER in the past but it is his personal opinion that ROCKEFELLER would make a good Vice President from the information at his disposal. He knew of no derogatory information concerning the nominee and felt ROCKEFELLER would make a capable Vice President.

On August 26, 1974, Judge MAX SCHIFFMAN, United States Magistrate, EDNY, United States Courthouse, Brooklyn, New York, advised he has known NELSON ROCKEFELLER since the middle 1960's, when both were active politicians. He feels ROCKEFELLER brings to the new administration "a breath of fresh air". He characterized ROCKEFELLER as down to earth and a great human being. He added President FORD has made a great choice in selecting ROCKEFELLER and would highly recommend ROCKEFELLER for the Vice President nomination.

On August 27, 1974, Judge VINCENT CATOGGIO, United States Magistrate, EDNY, United States Courthouse, Brooklyn, New York, advised he has had very limited contact with NELSON ROCKEFELLER in the past; however, from what he has been able to determine, the nominee appears to be an excellent choice as Vice President. As far as he knows ROCKEFELLER is a man of his word, intelligent, honest, and trustworthy in every respect. He knows of no derogatory information concerning him.

On August 27, 1974, Judge FREDERICK ATWOOD, United States Magistrate, EDNY, United States Courthouse, Brooklyn, New York, advised he knows the nominee. He stated he had a brother who went to school with NELSON ROCKEFELLER years ago. He feels the nominee would make an

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excellent Vice President and has the ability for that particular office. He feels ROCKEFELLER enjoys an excellent reputation and is a man of great moral character. He felt ROCKEFELLER is a loyal American, honest, reputable, and certainly suited for the executive position he has been nominated for. He highly recommends the nominee.

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XIX. MISCELLANEOUS INTERVIEWS

During 1969, a background investigation was conducted concerning Governor ROCKEFELLER in connection with his appointment as a member of a Presidential commission. Set forth hereinafter are the results of interviews conducted during that inquiry.

On March 26, 1969, Mrs. LOUISE BOYER, Personal Secretary to NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, furnished the following information:

The nominee considers his legal and actual residence as the ROCKEFELLER Family Estate at Pocantico Hills, New York, as do all members of nominee's family. Nominee maintains a residence at 810 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which he occupies when the necessity arises for him to be there. His brothers, DAVID, JOHN DAVIDSON, AND LAURANCE, all maintain New York City residences.

The nominee was divorced by his first wife on March 16, 1962, in Reno, Nevada.

Regarding nominee's business affiliations, he was formerly Director of Rockefeller Center, Incorporated, from 1952 to 1958, when he severed his association with this firm upon his assumption of the Office of Governor of the State of New York in 1958. He also discontinued any active position regarding the Museum of Modern Art of which he is presently (1969) a trustee on an inactive basis. He is a trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Incorporated, on an inactive basis and has acted as an inactive trustee for the University of the Andes Fund which is a philanthropical organization located in Bogota, Columbia. Nominee also disassociated himself from any of his previous activities in the American International Association for Economics and Social Development (AIA) and also

with the International Basic Economy Corporation (IBEC). Nominee is also a trustee, inactive, of the Museum of Primitive Art. He was also active in the Presidential Advisory Committee on Government Organization which was based in Washington D.C. 1953 to approximately 1958. This organization is no longer in existence. He was also active in the Government Affairs Foundation during the same period of time in Washington D.C.

Mrs. BOYER advised she has known the nominee for a period of approximately thirty years and has been his personal and private secretary during most of this time. She described Governor ROCKEFELLER as one of the finest, most intelligent and knowledgeable individuals she has ever met. His reputation, personally and professionally, is unblemished, and his morals, integrity and sincerity are of the highest. The nominee and all his family members share in the highest regard of all those individuals who have had contact with them professionally or politically. The nominee has divorced himself from all private and business relationships and has devoted all of his time to the successful and continuous chores which are his as Governor of the State of New York. She recommended the nominee most highly for a position of trust and confidence.

With regard to nominee's business associations, Mrs. BOYER noted that practically all of the ventures of the ROCKEFELLER brothers are joint ventures by nature. They are largely controlled by the ROCKEFELLER brothers and the Board of Directors. Chairmen and Presidents are largely interlocking with rotating officers.

On March 26, 1969, Mr. BERENT FRIELE, Personal Assistant and Advisor to the nominee, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER since approximately 1940. He advised he has had close social and professional contact with him since that time. FRIELE, former Director of AIA and IBEC, verified

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the nominee's presidency with these companies from their inception in 1946 until nominee's involvement in Governmental affairs in approximately 1953. He also verified the nominee's former Presidential and Chairman positions with Rockefeller Center, Incorporated, FRIELE having been a member of the board. He stated nominee's active association with the ROCKEFELLER brothers' operations largely ceased since his Governmental activities, such as being Special Assistant to President DWIGHT EISENHOWER and later Undersecretary of the Department for Health, Education, and Welfare. Since nominee's election as Governor of New York in 1958, he has completely disassociated himself from all of the ROCKEFELLER interests and has devoted all of his time and energy to the fulfilment of his elected office. Nominee is of the highest character, reputation and associates and completely loyal to the United States. Governor ROCKEFELLER and all members of his family enjoy the highest reputations professionally and socially as to morality, integrity, sincerity and loyalty. He said that on the basis of his close social and professional relationship with the nominee, he could recommend no one more highly for any position of trust and confidence.

On March 27, 1969, Mr. ROBERT PURCELL, Chairman, Finance Committee, IBEC, advised that the nominee was known to him professionally and socially for approximately fifteen years. He verified nominee's prior Directorship of instant corporation and the latter is presently inactive in its affairs. PURCELL described Governor ROCKEFELLER as a man of excellent character, associates and loyalty, who enjoys the highest reputation as to morals, integrity and sincerity. The nominee is extremely capable in many fields and is acknowledged as an expert on Latin American Affairs. Nominee has extensive holdings in Venezuela, and numerous contacts, professional, social and political, in South America. He is devoted to solving problems of humanity at home and abroad and PURCELL recommends him without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

On March 27, 1969, Mr. LOUIS G. SCHOELLER, Executive Vice-President, Rockefeller Center, Incorporated, advised that

he has known the nominee professionally and socially for a period of approximately thirty five years. He verified nominee's prior Presidency and Chairmanship at this company prior to 1953, relating that the nominee has relinquished his interests in this company since his entry into public affairs and Government service. He knows Governor ROCKEFELLER and his immediate family members to be persons of excellent character and unquestionable loyalty. He described the nominee as generous, charitable and extremely concerned about world problems, and one who has, through his own personal and other ROCKEFELLER interests, diligently attempted to alleviate these problems both at home and abroad. He stated the nominee is one of the finest gentlemen he has ever met and that he enjoys an excellent reputation, professionally, socially, and politically, as to honesty, integrity and sincerity. PURCELL recommends the nominee most highly.

On March 27, 1969, Mr. J. RICHARDSON DILWORTH, Chairman of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Incorporated, advised he has known the nominee for approximately twenty years, socially and professionally. He advised Governor ROCKEFELLER is a trustee of this fund which is a ROCKEFELLER family philanthropic organization dedicated to the improvement of world economic, social and political problems. He described the nominee as being an extremely capable and knowledgeable man, professionally, socially and politically, and one who is highly regarded by all those with whom he comes into contact. He advised he and the nominee's family members' public and private lives are above reproach and recommended him most highly for any position of trust and confidence.

On March 27, 1969, Mr. GEORGE HINMAN, Associate Legal Counsel to the ROCKEFELLER family interests and New York State Republican Committee member, advised he has known the nominee for approximately thirteen years, socially, professionally

and politically. He advised that the nominee has relinquished practically all of his active participation in family business affairs, noting that he is devoting all of his time and energies to his obligations as Governor of the State of New York. He described the nominee as a man of highest integrity, morals, sincerity and character. He is highly regarded by all who know him as an earnest and sincere public servant, an astute businessman, an adaptable and persuasive statesman. He is recognized by many as extremely knowledgeable regarding Latin American affairs, economic, social, and political. HIMMEL recommends the nominee most highly for a position of trust and confidence.

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On March 28, 1969, Mr. DANA CREEL, President of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Incorporated, a charitable and philanthropical organization, advised that he has been associated both professionally and socially with the nominee and his family members since approximately 1940. He has had various and sundry capacities with the varied ROCKEFELLER enterprises since this time and has, over the years, developed the highest opinion of the nominee as to character, associates, morals, integrity and sincerity. He considers the nominee to be one of the greatest humanitarians, a fine statesman, an astute businessman, and a dedicated public official. The nominee has been of great service to the United States and its citizens and CREEL recommends the nominee most highly for any position of trust and confidence.

On March 27, 1969, Mr. ROBERT B. CAH, Assistant General Legal Counsel to the ROCKEFELLER family interests, advised that he has known the nominee approximately ten years on principally a professional basis. He described Governor ROCKEFELLER as being largely retired from private affairs and totally dedicated and devoted to public life for the betterment of all individuals. He stated ROCKEFELLER is a sincere, earnest public servant as he was sincere in his private affairs and stated ROCKEFELLER is of the highest integrity, morals and character. CAH recommended the nominee most highly.

On March 28, 1969, Mr. MAURICE T. MOORE, Senior Partner and Head of the law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York City, advised that he had been personally acquainted with the nominee for approximately twelve years, and on occasion during that period, he had done legal work for the nominee. He said he and his wife, ELIZABETH MOORE, were personal friends of the nominee and that his (MOORE's) wife, who had served in a variety of State Republican political positions since the nominee first sought the Governorship of the State of New York, had recently been appointed by Governor ROCKEFELLER to the Chairmanship of the

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Board of Trustees of the State University of New York.

He said that although the nominee's family were of great independent financial means, the nominee had not been spoiled, as had so many others who had come from such a wealthy background; but, to the contrary, was an extremely hard working and conscientious individual.

He advised that the nominee was dedicated to public service and an excellent administrator. Mr. HOOK advised that if inquiry was being made concerning the nominee with regard to his announced appointment as a roving Ambassador for the Administration of President NIXON to Latin America, he could think of no one better qualified. He said the nominee had served the United States as Co-ordinator of American affairs with respect to Latin America from 1944; and through his many philanthropic and investment interests in Latin America, he was well acquainted with the personalities and problems of that area of the world. He said the nominee was of excellent character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the United States Government, and he recommended him completely for a position of trust and confidence with that Government.

On March 27, 1969, Judge ANTHONY J. TRAVIA, United States District Court (USDC), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER approximately ten years. He described him as a dedicated and devoted public servant with a sincere desire to "do right for all people". They have been close friends for ten years. The nominee is intelligent, conscientious, and a hard working person. He commented favorably concerning the character, loyalty, morals, reputation, and associates of the nominee and recommended him very highly for a position of trust and confidence.

On March 27, 1969, ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York (SDNY), advised that he has been politically acquainted with the nominee for over ten years. He noted that he ran on the Democratic ticket opposing Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the New York Gubernatorial Election in 1961. He stated that even though they are both of different political persuasions, he feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a dedicated, earnest and sincere public servant. He stated that recently in the public press he had read where Mr. ROCKEFELLER was to be an advisor to President NIXON on Latin American affairs. From his knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background, he feels that he is eminently qualified for such a position. He knew of nothing that would prevent him from recommending him for such a position.

On March 27, 1969, Reverend Doctor DAN M. POTTER, Executive Director, Protestant Council of the City of New York, [redacted], New York City, advised he has known the nominee for years and has the highest regard for him. He said Governor ROCKEFELLER has numerous South American real estate holdings and had a great interest in South America prior to becoming Governor. He stated he felt the appointment of Governor ROCKEFELLER to a South American post would be one of the President's most outstanding appointments. He stated he would recommend the nominee most highly for such a position. b6 b7C

On March 27, 1969, Rabbi Doctor [redacted] Temple Emanu - El, Fifth Avenue at 66th Street, New York City, advised he has known the nominee approximately 37 years. He has the highest regard for the nominee as a man, Ambassador, Governor and Diplomat. He felt the nominee is extremely experienced and knowledgeable in South American affairs and that it would be an excellent appointment. He heartily recommended the nominee for this appointment. b6 b7C

On March 27, 1969, Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C
Street, New York City, advised she is [redacted] Dr. [redacted] New York City. Dr. [redacted] is on tour and would not return until April 7, 1969. She has known the nominee since he was in the State Department and also knows his family, having worked with Mrs. RODMAN ROCKEFELLER. She said she had a very high opinion of the nominee both as a Diplomat and a Statesman. She said he was of the highest integrity and had a large amount of knowledge regarding problems and conditions in South America. She would recommend him for the position to which he has been appointed by the President of the United States.

On March 28, 1969, JOHN V. LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of New York, advised that he has been acquainted with the nominee since 1958, at which time, he was running for Congress and the nominee was seeking the office of Governor of the State of New York. He stated that during his period of association with the Governor, he has always considered him a person of reputable character. He considered him a very loyal American, devoted to the State of New York and, of course, to his country. He stated nominee has served in the Department of State and he considers him "eminently qualified" for any position to which the Administration might appoint him.

Right Reverend Monsignor EDWARD HEAD, Executive Director, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York, 122 East 22nd Street, New York City, advised on March 27, 1969 that he has known Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER for about ten years. He described the Governor as a man of the highest integrity, good character, possessing genuine concern for people and a loyal American. He regards Governor ROCKEFELLER as an able, articulate administrator with strong leadership qualities and knows of nothing to disqualify him from any possible Government appointment.

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On March 28, 1969, Most Reverend TERENCE J. COOKE, Archbishop of New York, 452 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he has known Governor ROCKEFELLER for about ten years. He has found the Governor to be a man of character and integrity, a very loyal American, conscientious, reliable and "true to his work". "His forthrightness and openess have encouraged us in our relationship with the Governor".

"All contacts with him and long range planning that Catnolic agencies have had with his office indicate that Governor ROCKEFELLER is a very able and efficient administrator".

"My relationship with the Governor has given me no indication of anything that would disbar Governor ROCKEFELLER from a possible Federal appointment".

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On August 23, 1974, [redacted]
Governor [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] that she has known the nominee since he and her husband were candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New York in 1958. Mrs. [redacted] stated she feels that Mr. ROCKEFELLER will make an outstanding Vice President. She considers the nominee one of the finest men in American political life today. Mrs. [redacted] described ROCKEFELLER as astute, honest, a man of integrity, knowledgeable in national and international affairs, and a man of great character. She recommended him without qualification.

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XX. CREDIT AND ARREST

Credit

On March 27, 1969, Miss [redacted], Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York City, advised that her files contained no unfavorable information concerning the nominee. b6 b7C

On March 26, 1969, Mrs. [redacted], Manager, Westchester Credit Bureau, 300 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New York, advised her files contained no unfavorable credit information concerning the nominee. b6 b7C

On August 27, 1974, Miss [redacted], Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York City, advised that a recheck of her files showed no unfavorable information concerning the nominee. b6 b7C

Arrest

On March 26, 1969, Chief of Police PAUL OLIVA, Town of Mount Pleasant Police Department, Hawthorne, New York, which department covers Pocantico Hills, New York, advised his files contained no information on the nominee or his family.

On March 27, 1969, SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused records of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) to be checked by Deputy Inspector [redacted], Bureau of Criminal Identification; Patrolman [redacted], Information Unit; Sergeant [redacted], Old Record Room (all of the above of the NYCPD); and Mr. [redacted], Fingerprint Bureau, Criminal Court of the City of New York. No record was located identifiable with the nominee or members of his family. b6 b7C

On March 28, 1969, Detective [redacted], [redacted], Police Department, advised that the records of his department contain no information pertaining to Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], whom he knows to reside at [redacted], [redacted], New York. b6 b7C

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On August 26, 1974, Lieutenant [redacted], Mount Pleasant Police Department, Hawthorne, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that a check of their files showed no record for the nominee or any members of the ROCKEFELLER family who reside at Pocantico Hills. Lieutenant [redacted] further advised that their Police Department covers the territory in and around Pocantico Hills. b6 b7C

On August 27, 1974, Special Agent AUGUST J. MICEK caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by Captain [redacted], Identification Section, and Lieutenant [redacted], Criminal Records Section. They advised that they have no record of the nominee or any members of his family. b6 b7C

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XXI. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Tax Matters

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], at Manhattan, New York, on August 28, 1974: b6 b7C

Commissioner of Tax Collection, RICHARD BREVOORT, a branch of the Finance Administration of the City of New York, 139 Centre Street, was contacted, and requested to check his records in order to ascertain if there is any record of tax liens filed by the City of New York against NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, for nonpayment of New York City Real Estate or Income taxes.

He recontacted Special Agent [redacted], and advised that a full staff review of his records, failed to reveal any liens or any other type of action, filed against NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER by the City of New York, based on nonpayment of New York City taxes. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 23, 1974, [redacted], Deputy Receiver, Receiver of Taxes, Town of Mount Pleasant, 250 North Washington Street, North Tarrytown, New York, advised a check of the tax records for that area showed there are no tax liens and the record is clear as of that date for the property owned by the ROCKEFELLER family (including NELSON ROCKEFELLER), commonly referred to as Pocantico Hills, which the Town of Mount Pleasant encompasses. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated he has lived in the community for many years and although he does not know the appointee personally, nothing has ever come to his attention that would in any way compromise the nominee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He stated, however, since he did not know the nominee personally, he could not make any sort of recommendation except by reputation, which is extremely favorable. b6 b7C

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b. Personal Physician

On August 26, 1974, Doctor [redacted], [redacted] New York, New York, mentioned that he has been the personal physician for NELSON ROCKEFELLER for many years. b6 b7C

He stated that ROCKEFELLER takes an annual physical examination and he is really amazed at his state of health. Doctor [redacted] commented that ROCKEFELLER is approximately 66 years of age, however, physically, he is a man of much younger years. He stated thatin his opinion, ROCKEFELLER is in excellent physical health at the present time and in his opinion, he could live for many many years. b6 b7C

Doctor [redacted] commented that he is not only his personal physician, but he is a close friend of ROCKEFELLER and sees him several times a week. b6 b7C

He further commented that in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER does not have a problem of double vision in either eye.

He recommended ROCKEFELLER for a position of trust with the United States Government, and specifically, to the Vice Presidential post.

With regard to the aforementioned statement by Doctor [redacted] concerning double vision, it should be noted that in a newspaper article appearing in "The Washington Post," on August 21, 1974, the article mentioned Governor ROCKEFELLER has a severe reading problem known as dyslexia. b6 b7C

c. Background

On August 27, 1974, Miss [redacted], Secretary to the President, Rockefeller Center Incorporated, 50 Rockefeller Center, New York, New York made available to Special Agent [redacted] the following positions or changes in position on the dates indicated regarding NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER: b6 b7C

November 4, 1929 - Elected as Director of Metropolitan Square Corporation, the previous title for Rockefeller Center Incorporated;

July 22, 1937 - Elected as Vice President and since there was no President he was designated to perform the duties of the President until a President was elected;

May 23, 1938 - Elected as President;

September 26, 1940 - Leave of absence as President;

November 23, 1943 - Renewed leave of absence as President;

October 25, 1945 - Resigned as President. Elected Chairman of the Board (ended leave of absence);

May 26, 1948 - Elected President and still maintained position as Chairman of the Board;

June 27, 1951 - Resigned as President. Maintained position as Chairman of the Board;

June 11, 1953 - Resigned as Chairman of the Board but maintained position as Director;

December 28, 1955 - Became Chairman of the Board effective January 1, 1956;

November 26, 1958 - Resigned as Chairman of the Board and Director.

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TO : [redacted]

DATE: 8/28/74

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

At your instructions I met with [redacted] Special Assistant to the President, in connection with the transition of the office of Vice President on 8/27/74. He had requested a briefing on the National Caucus of Labor Committee (NCLC) since that organization has publicly attacked Rockefeller in its newsletter called "Solidarity," and also since last week an NCLC member interrupted a speech by Rockefeller and attempted to argue with him. b6 b7C

I furnished Mr. [redacted] a briefing on the organization and advised him that as soon as the President nominated Rockefeller for Vice President we began disseminating information on the NCLC to Secret Service in furtherance of their protection responsibilities. NCLC members have engaged in violence and they consider Rockefeller an enemy of the people. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] also expressed concern over security for Rockefeller during the hearings and I assured him that in the event any information indicating a threat to Rockefeller was received by the FBI it would be communicated to the Capitol Police and other interested agencies in addition to Secret Service. b6 b7C

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TO: [redacted]

DATE: 8-28-74

FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Investigation in this case was ordered telephonically on the morning of Wednesday, 8-21-74, with the deadline of close of business Wednesday, 8-28-74. As of now there are 33 field offices involved in this investigation and we have received the results of over 650 interviews at FBIHQ. Investigation thus far has been highly favorable to Governor Rockefeller and the minor derogatory information developed appears to be politically motivated or of the "nit picking" variety.

Due to the necessity for the Rockefeller staff to compile extensive financial information in New York for our accountants, the investigation into Governor Rockefeller's financial background has only just begun and at the present time our accountants are not in a position to furnish a projected completion date for the review of Rockefeller's finances but an educated projection will be made as soon as all material is available.

It is also noted that Rockefeller has requested that we not interview his wife's former husband, Dr. James S. Murphy, until Murphy's return to New York City from Seal Harbor after Labor Day. It is also noted that Governor Rockefeller desires that the matter of a waiver from his ex-wife, Mary Rockefeller, to review sealed divorce records in Reno, Nevada, be handled by his attorney, John Lockwood, and his ex-wife's attorney, Whitney North Seymour, Sr. This is being followed but could possibly be delayed.

We plan to disseminate the results of all the background investigation possible by Tuesday, 9-3-74. This will actually be the bulk of the investigation but it appears almost certain that the results of the financial investigation will not be

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available for transmittal at that time. We know that the interview with Dr. Murphy, as well as information from the divorce records, will not be available. All outstanding investigation will be completed just as soon as possible.

We can, of course, anticipate that information requiring additional investigation will continue to dribble in until the hearings are over and Rockefeller is confirmed. This was our experience in the Gerald Ford case.

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TO: Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-28-74

FROM: O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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All accounting personnel previously approved to work on review of nominee's finances are now present in New York. The group includes SAs [redacted], Minneapolis; [redacted], Houston; [redacted], FBIHQ; [redacted], New York; [redacted], FBIHQ; and Joseph E. Henehan, FBIHQ. b6 b7C

The tax returns for ten years are currently being reviewed and a short summary of each is being prepared for inclusion in the investigative report.

Information was received this morning that the nominee had approved last evening the statement of net worth with other financial statements for presentation to the FBI. These statements are currently being reviewed by lawyers in New York City and it is hoped that they will be turned over late this afternoon or tomorrow morning for review.

The initial plan for review of the nominee's finances was that a comprehensive review would be restricted to the nominee and his wife. There was no intention to go into any of the holdings of other family members and we have been advised there are a total of 70. As you are aware, Mr. Rockefeller requested that should it be necessary to review the trusts he has set up for his children he would appreciate if the dollar value of these trusts not be disclosed as they were all different and could result in a family problem. Discussions have been held with representatives of the nominee and no request has been made to them as yet. However, should it be necessary to review the children's trusts they would be perfectly willing to furnish a complete listing of the stock held and all ownership interest without dollar amounts or number of shares held. They would, however, indicate if the trust controlled any business and would furnish in detail the role played by the nominee in these trusts.

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Without mentioning anything to the Rockefeller people, it is felt that the best policy for the Bureau to pursue would be to accept the aforementioned description of the children's trusts and to include in our investigative report the fact that the trust holdings had been reviewed without specifically identifying the holdings of the individual trust. We could treat them as a group in our investigative reporting and mention that major holdings for these trusts consisted of stock in and name various corporations without attributing it to the individual child's trust. A detailed description could then be set forth as to the nominee's role. The main reason for doing it this way would be to avoid any misinterpretation of the Governor's request to us with regard to disclosing the value of the trust. If possible, it is believed that his request to us should not be forwarded or included in any communication leaving the Bureau as it may be released. His request to us in no way interfered or restricted any work we planned on doing and it would be unfair to have it subjected to misinterpretation and possible unjustified embarrassment to the Bureau.

We are currently making arrangements with the Rockefeller people to work through the weekend and they will advise us today what staff arrangements they can make to have people available in their offices during the weekend to furnish Bureau personnel with underlying records. As soon as we receive a commitment from them that we can have access to the records the Bureau will be advised of the plan worked out.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Bureau approve the policy of accepting the description of the Rockefeller children's trusts without dollar values and quantities being set forth but with information as to any business controls and role played by nominee, if any, in these holdings. The review conducted will be summarized in the investigative reports and the underlying work papers in Bureau files will have specifics set forth.

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TO DIRECTOR

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

HOWARD H. BAKER, U. S. SENATOR, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN NOMINEE SINCE 1964 IN A POLITICAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND SOCIAL CAPACITY. SENATOR BAKER STATED THAT DURING THE 1968 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN HE BECAME WELL ACQUAINTED WITH NOMINEE AND HAD FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH HIM AND THAT SINCE THE 1968 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN HIS CONTACTS WITH NOMINEE WERE APPROXIMATELY EVERY 30 TO 60 DAYS UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN NOMINEE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WATER QUALITY OF WHICH HE, SENATOR BAKER, IS A MEMBER. SENATOR BAKER ADVISED HE PRESENTLY HAS CONTACT WITH NOMINEE APPROXIMATELY EVERY TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

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SENATOR BAKER STATED THAT THE PUBLIC'S IMAGE OF NOMINEE AND HIS IMAGE OF NOMINEE ARE VERY SIMILAR. HE DESCRIBED THIS IMAGE AS ONE OF WARMTH, STRENGTH, AND A QUICKNESS OF WIT AND INTELLIGENCE. SENATOR

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BAKER FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION NOMINEE IS A PERSON OF SUPERIOR CHARACTER AND HAS EXHIBITED NO TRACE OF DECEITFULNESS DURING THEIR ASSOCIATION.

SENATOR BAKER FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF NO QUESTIONABLE ATTITUDES, CONTACTS, TRAITS OR ASSOCIATES OF NOMINEE AND STATED DUE TO NOMINEE'S PERSONALITY AND BACKGROUND HE FELT NOMINEE WAS FULLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1974.

THIS TELETYPE IS BEING SUBMITTED IN LIEU OF REPORT IN ORDER TO MEET BUDED WITHOUT FAIL. REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

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RE WFO TELETYPE, AUGUST 27, 1974.

JOHN WELLS, ATTORNEY TO VICTOR LASKY, MEMBER FIRM ROGERS AND WELLS, 200 PARK AVE., NEW YORK, CURRENTLY VACATIONING IN WESTERN UNITED STATES, LOCATION UNKNOWN. SECRETARY, [redacted] ADVISES WELLS CONTACTS OFFICE PERIODICALLY. UPON CONTACT WELLS WILL BE ADVISED THAT INTERVIEW IS SOUGHT OF HIM BY FBI AND APPROPRIATE LEAD SET FORTH FROM NYO.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (161-510) (P) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1974.

THIS DATE, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, JOHN A. BLATNIK, CHISHOLM, MINNESOTA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN ROCKEFELLER SINCE 1959 AND HAS WORKED WITH HIM ON THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WATER QUALITY. ROCKEFELLER'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY EXTREMELY FAVORABLE. CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT NOMINEE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

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FROM HOUSTON (161-702)

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY

RE WFO TEL, AUGUST 27, 1974.

SENATOR LLOYD M. BENTSEN, HOUSTON, TEXAS, ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAS BEEN CASUALLY ACQUAINTED WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAS HAD SOME CONTACT WITH HIM ON A SOCIAL BASIS. HE CONSIDERS ROCKEFELLER A LOYAL AMERICAN, AND A MAN OF HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND HIGH MORAL CHARACTER. HE KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER OR HIS ASSOCIATES. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM: ALEXANDRIA (161-2695) (P) (ONE PAGE)

Mr. Coleman
Room 1246

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUG. 28, 1974.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUG. 27, 1974.

MAXINE CHESHIRE, COLUMNIST, WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER, WASHINGTON, D. C., RESIDING AT [redacted] ALEXANDRIA, VA., RESPECTFULLY REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED, STATING IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER TO PROHIBIT COLUMNISTS AND REPORTERS TO BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING BACKGROUND CASES. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197) .

FROM DALLAS (161-922) (P) .

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Room 1246

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE AUGUST 27, 1974, 10:08 PM.

ON AUGUST 28, 1974, MR. JAMES C. WRIGHT, JR., CONGRESSMAN, FRITZ LATHAM BUILDING, FT. WORTH, TEXAS, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN THE NOMINEE SINCE ABOUT 1963 THROUGH NOMINEE TESTIFYING BEFORE THE HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF WHICH WRIGHT WAS A MEMBER IN THE U. S. CONGRESS. WRIGHT STATED HE HAS KNOWN NOMINEE ON A CLOSER BASIS FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR WHEN BOTH HAD WORKED FOR THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WATER QUALITY IN WHICH THE NOMINEE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN.

WRIGHT STATED NOMINEE IS A VERY FINE INDIVIDUAL, IS ABLE, SMART, AND VERY DEDICATED TO HIS COUNTRY. WRIGHT STATED NOMINEE IS ENORMOUSLY CAPABLE AND HAS A REMARKABLE MENTAL CAPACITY IN THAT HE ALWAYS HAS THE MOST COMPLETE GRASP OF A SITUATION. WRIGHT STATED HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE NOMINEE'S

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ABILITY TO GET TO A PROBLEM AND HAD AMAZING UNDERSTANDING OF MANY PROBLEMS WHICH CAME TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION.

WRIGHT STATED NOMINEE IS A BROADLY TOLERANT MAN, WHO CERTAINLY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE WHEN IT COMES TO DEALING WITH OR HIRING MINORITY PEOPLE. HE STATED NOMINEE, HAVING BEEN GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, IS VERY TOLERANT AND HAS EMPLOYED NUMEROUS TOP-FLIGHT PEOPLE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A MINORITY.

WRIGHT STATED HE HAS KNOWN NOMINEE SOCIALLY ON OCCASION, BUT THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OTHER THAN WHAT HE HAS READ ABOUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER MEDIA.

WRIGHT ADDED THAT HE FELT THAT IF HE HAD BEEN IN PRESIDENT FORD'S POSITION, HE WOULD HAVE DONE EXACTLY AS FORD HAD DONE IN PICKING THE BEST QUALIFIED REPUBLICAN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. WRIGHT STATED HE HAS SAID THIS PUBLICLY THAT HE WOULD HAVE PICKED ROCKEFELLER AND STILL FEELS THE SAME WAY. HE ADDED HE KNEW OF NOTHING WHICH WOULD PREVENT ROCKEFELLER FROM DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. DALLAS REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (161-2450) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE WFO TELETYPES AUGUST 23, 1974 AND AUGUST 27, 1974.

CONTACT WITH WALTER A. HAAS, SR'S SECRETARY, LEVI STRAUSS AND COMPANY, DISCLOSED THAT MR. HAAS IS 85 YEARS OF AGE, JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO EUROPE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 29, 1974.

[redacted], ON AUGUST 28, 1974, STATED THAT HE HAD MET MR. ROCKEFELLER ONCE IN 1960 AND DID NOT THINK THAT HIS FATHER KNEW MR. ROCKEFELLER MUCH BETTER THAN HE DID. [redacted] STATED THAT HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. b6 b7C

ON AUGUST 28, 1974, MRS. [redacted], PEBBLE BEACH, CALIFORNIA, STATED HER HUSBAND WAS FLYING TO THE MONTEREY AREA AND WOULD NOT ARRIVE UNTIL LATE THIS EVENING. AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW HIM THE MORNING OF AUGUST 29, 1974. b6 b7C

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (161-955) (P) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUG. 28, 1974.

RE INDIANAPOLIS NITEL, AUG. 23, 1974.

[redacted], ASSISTANT TO J. IRWIN MILLER, CHIARMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CUMMINS ENGINE COMPANY, INC., ADVISED TODAY, MILLER IS NOT GOING TO RETURN TO COLUMBUS, IND. UNTIL LATE FRIDAY, AUG. 30, 1974. THE RELATED MILLER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL AM OF SEPT. 3, 1974.

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INDIANAPOLIS AT COLUMBUS, IND. WILL CONDUCT REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF J. IRWIN MILLER MORNING OF SEPT. 3, 1974, UACB.

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6:25 PM NITEL AUGUST 28, 1974 RGM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

FROM: PITTSBURGH (161-1124) (RUC)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

Mr. Coleman
Room 4246

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND PITTSBURGH DATED AUGUST 28, 1974.

ON THIS DATE, MR. EDGAR B. SPEER, CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN NOMINEE FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS AS A BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCE. SPEER ADVISED THAT HE HAS ATTENDED SOME SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WITH THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY, BUT HAS NOT BEEN A MEMBER OF THEIR IMMEDIATE PARTY. HE HAS VISITED THE HOME OF THE NOMINEE ON ONE OCCASION AND HAS MET WITH MRS. ROCKEFELLER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. SPEER ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS THE NOMINEE TO BE POSSESSED OF UNQUESTIONING HONESTY AND INTEGRITY WITH AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND

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ASSOCIATES ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND HE IS A LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES. SPEER ADVISED THAT HE FEELS NOMINEE HAS EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND HAS THE ABILITY TO ANALYZE A PROBLEM THOROUGHLY AND IS NOT ADVERSE TO SEEKING ADVICE FROM OTHERS IN ARRIVING AT A DECISION. SPEER STATED THAT NOMINEE HAS ALWAYS EXERCISED GOOD JUDGEMENT IN ANY DEALINGS THAT SPEER HAS HAD WITH THE NOMINEE AND HE FEELS THAT NOMINEE HAS THE REQUISITE QUALITY TO FILL THE POSITION FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED. SPEER ADVISED THATM HE KNOWS OF NOTHING IN NOMINEE'S BACKGROUND THAT WOULD PRECLUDE HIM FROM ACCEPTING THIS POSITION AND FEELS THAT NOMINEE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SOCIETY.

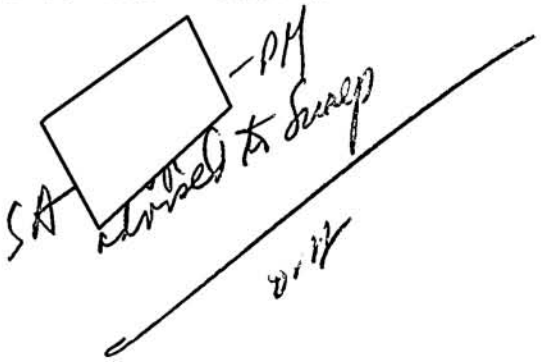
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPES (TWO) TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 27, 1974.

INQUIRY NYS COURT OF APPEALS, ALBANY, NY, REVEALS INFORMATION REGARDING DATES OF SUITS BY HERBERT A. POSNER, NYS ASSEMBLYMAN, NEEDED, AS WELL AS COURTS OF ORIGIN AND TITLES OF SUITS TO MAKE A REVIEW OF COURT OF APPEALS RECORDS. COURTS WHERE SUITS INITIATED MAY HAVE RECORDS OF OUTCOMES OF CASES.

INQUIRY NYS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ALBANY, NY, REVEALS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS FOR AARON L. JACOBY AS 15 CLARK STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ALBANY (161-965)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 2P P

Mr. Coleman
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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1974.

CLERK, RECORD ROOM, NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY, ADVISED AUGUST 28 HE HAS NO RECORD OF 1970 AND 1971 SUITS INSTITUTED BY ASSEMBLYMAN HERBERT A. POSNER VS. GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER. HE STATED 1969 SUIT INSTITUTED BY POSNER VS. ROCKEFELLER WAS SUBPOENAED BY PETER A.A. BERLE, ASSEMBLYMAN AND ATTORNEY TO NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT (NYSSC). ALBANY, ON DECEMBER 11, 1969, AND HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED.

BERLE ADVISED THAT SUIT HE HAD BROUGHT AGAINST ROCKEFELLER IN APPELLATE DIVISION, ALBANY, NEW YORK, REQUIRED RECORD OF THIS PROCEEDING, AND THAT IS WHY HE SUBPOENAED FILE 9710-69, NYSSC FILE OF POSNER VS. ROCKEFELLER.

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ALBANY OFFICE WILL CHECK TO SEE IF INDICES 9710-69 IS STILL AT NYSSC ALBANY, NEW YORK, AND WILL ALSO CHECK TO SEE IF 1970 AND 1971 CASES BROUGHT BY HERBERT A. POSNER VS. GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER ARE IN NYSSC, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM ST. LOUIS (161-3399) P 2P

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN. BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 27, 1974; ST. LOUIS TELCALL TO NEW YORK, AUGUST 28, 1974.

ON AUGUST 27, 1974, LIAM COONAN, HEAD OF ST. LOUIS FEDERAL ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE, ST. LOUIS, ADVISED HE ASSISTED [redacted], ASSISTANT TO AG, SPO, NY, NY, IN NARCOTICS TRIAL U.S. VS [redacted], ET AL, EDNY, 1971-1972. COONAN SAID BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AGENT UTILIZED IN THIS CASE WAS UNABLE TO MEET WITH ONE OF SUBJECTS, [redacted] ON A PARTICULAR MONDAY IN 1971 AS [redacted], PRESIDENT OF A LOCAL BARBER'S UNION AND EXECUTIVE IN ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE, WAS TO MEET WITH NELSON ROCKEFELLER THAT DAY. COONAN STATED HE WANTED TO PINPOINT [redacted] ACTIVITIES ON MONDAY IN QUESTION FOR TRIAL AND ACCORDINGLY MADE A REQUEST THROUGH GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S NEW YORK CITY OFFICE FOR GOVERNOR'S DIARY FOR DAY IN QUESTION PLUS ANY PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN THAT DATE. COONAN'S INITIAL REQUEST WAS REFUSED AND HE THREATENED TO SUBPOENA DESIRED INFORMATION. HE TOLD DAN HOLLAMAN, CHIEF OF SOUTHERN

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DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FEDERAL STRIKE FORCE, WHO MADE INQUIRY REGARDING THIS SITUATION, TO HAVE GOVERNOR TOCKEFELLER'S ATTORNEY CALL COONAN. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, COONAN RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM ROCKEFELLER'S CHIEF COUNSEL, [redacted] WHO APOLOGIZED AND EXPLAINED b6 b7C THAT LACK OF COOPERATION WAS MISUNDERSTANDING DUE TO BREAKDOWN OF COMMUNICATIONS. [redacted] SAID DESIRED DOCUMENTS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. PHOTOGRAPHS MADE AVAILABLE SHOWED ROCKEFELLER AND [redacted] TOGETHER ON DAY IN QUESTION. COONAN DID NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS IN TRIAL. COONAN SAID HE IS CONVINCED BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT THE FACT [redacted] AND ROCKEFELLER WERE TOGETHER WAS PURELY HAPPENSTANCE AND OF POLITICAL NATURE DUE TO FACT [redacted] WAS PRESIDENT OF LOCAL BARBER'S UNION AND EXECUTIVE OF ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE.

NEW YORK SHOULD INTERVIEW GENERAL COUNSEL [redacted] AND [redacted] b6 b7C , FORMER CHIEF OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT STRIKE FORCE FOR THEIR COMMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ALBANY (161-965)

FROM NEW YORK (161-2961) 4P P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

LAWRENCE J. FINNEGAN, JR., CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS, QUEENS COUNTY DA'S OFFICE, ADVISED THAT HE HAD INVESTIGATED ONE DR. THOMAS W. MATTHEW, FOUNDER OF INTERFAITH HOSPITAL OF QUEENS, JAMAICA, NEW YORK, CONCERNING FRAUD MATTERS AT THIS HOSPITAL, AND THE EXTENT OT THE INVESTIGATION WAS FROM MAY, 1972 UNTIL THE END OF 1973, (MATTHEW WAS CONVICTED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1973 IN NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT ON 71 COUNTS OF ILLEGALLY DIVERTING MEDICAID FUNDS TO HIS OWN PROJECT). IT SHOULD BE NOTED MATTHEW IS SUBJECT OF CURRENT NYFILE 46-7758, NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RECONSTRUCTION ORGANIZWTION (NEGRO AND AFFILIATES), FAG, (BUFILE 46-61992). DURING COURSE OF HIS INVESTIGATION, HE GAINED POSSESSION OF NUMEROUS MEMORANDUMS FROM WITHIN THE

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE OF NEW YORK, CONCERNING EVALUATIONS OF ABOVE HOSPITAL WHICH WAS NOT PROPERLY RUN AND WHERE CONDITIONS WERE DEPLORABLE.

FINNEGAN STATED THESE CONDITIONS WERE MADE KNOWN TO UPPER ECHELON IN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ALSO TO [redacted], OF ROCKEFELLER'S OFFICE. FINNEGAN MADE AVAILABLE A COPY OF MEMORANDUM, DATED JANUARY 16, 1969, FROM ONE [redacted], WHOM HE BELIEVED WAS IN THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE OR IN OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, TO [redacted] REMINDING HIM THAT HE HAD SENT [redacted] A LETTER DATED APRIL 8, 1968, ADVISING [redacted] HAD NINE MONTHS TO MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS IF HE WERE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MEDICAID PAYMENTS. IN THIS MEMO [redacted] STATED THAT "THE FACT IS [redacted] IS OPERATING A HOSPITAL WHICH IS SO FAR BELOW NEW YORK STATE STANDARDS THAT IS IS A DETRIMENT TO THE PUBLIC TO BE IN OPERATION", AND HIS RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT THE

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOT CERTIFY ABOVE HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAID.

FINNEGAN STATED THAT MATTHEW HAD POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY, AND BECAUSE OF THIS, CONDITIONS AT INTERFAITH HOSPITAL WERE KNOWINGLY ALLOWED TO BE CONTINUED AND THE STATE FURNISHED CONTINUOUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIS HOSPITAL. FINNEGAN STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT MAKE ANY ACCUSATION, HE HAS ARRIVED AT CONCLUSIONS THAT POSSIBLY SOMEONE IN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S OFFICE, IF NOT THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF, SANCTIONED ABOVE CONDITIONS AND SITUATION BY TACIT APPROVAL AND CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF FUNDS.

ALBANY WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF [redacted] AND INTERVIEW REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ABOVE SITUATION.

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ALBANY WILL, IF NECESSARY, DETERMINE NAME OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WHO CAN SUBSTANTIATE OR COMMENT ON ABOVE SITUATION.

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NEW YORK WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] b6 b7C

REGARDING ABOVE SITUATION.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P) (1P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE WFO PHONE CALL TO NEW YORK INSTANT DATE.

INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), REVEALS THAT NOMINEE'S PROPERTY LOCATED AT [redacted], WDC, IS LISTED UNDER THE OWNERSHIP OF MR. [redacted]. NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM NOMINEE'S LAWYERS THE IDENTITY OF MR. [redacted] AND WHO THEIR RECORDS REFLECT AS THE CORRECT TITLE HOLDER FOR THIS PROPERTY.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-6197)

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1375)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPIN; BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST 27, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION ALBANY, REFERENCED NYO COMMUNICATION ADVISED [redacted], ROUND LAKE, N.Y., SELF-STYLED CRUSADER FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, ALLEGED NOMINEE BENEFITTED FROM RATE INCREASE IN CONSOLIDATED EDISON IN 1959, INASMUCH AS NOMINEE HAD INTEREST OR HOLDING IN CONSOLIDATED EDISON.

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ON AUGUST 28, 1974, [redacted], UPPER BLACK EDDY, PA., FORMER LEGAL ASSISTANT TO [redacted], ESQUIRE, 50 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NYC, ADVISED [redacted] PROVIDED LEGAL COUNSEL TO ENTIRE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY. HE ADVISED NOMINEE ASSUMED GOVERNORSHIP OF NEW YORK EARLY 1959 AND COUNSEL REVIEWED STATE STATUTE OF NEW YORK REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTERESTS, WHICH APPLIED TO ELECTED OFFICIALS. HE RECALLED LAW DIRECTED NOMINEE MUST DISCLOSE "INTEREST

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ON THIS DATE, SECRETARY TO MR. EDGAR B. SPEER, CHAIRMAN, U.S. STEEL CORP., ADVISED MR. SPEER LEFT NEW YORK AUGUST 27, 1974, AND IS NOW BACK IN PITTSBURGH.

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DALLAS	BUREAU	8/28/74	8/28/74

TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: nlf b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE:

Washington Field teletype 8/27/74, 10:08 p.m.
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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Congressman JAMES C. WRIGHT, JR., Ft. Worth, Texas, interviewed, highly recommends.

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DATE 12-18-91 BY 9803 LDD/MSP

DETAILS:

AT FT. WORTH, TEXAS

On August 28, 1974, JAMES C. WRIGHT, JR., U.S. Congressman, Fritz Latham Building, Ft. Worth, Texas, advised he has known the nominee since about 1963 through the nominee's testifying before the House Public Works Committee of which WRIGHT is a member in the U.S. Congress. WRIGHT stated he has known nominee on a closer basis for about one year since both have served on the National Commission on Water Quality of which the nominee is Chairman.

WRIGHT stated nominee is a very fine individual, is able, smart, and very dedicated to his country. WRIGHT stated nominee is enormously capable and has a remarkable mental capacity, in that he always has the most complete grasp of a situation. WRIGHT stated he is impressed by the nominee's ability to get to the root of a problem and has amazaing nderstanding of many problems coming to the Commission's attention.

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WRIGHT stated the nominee is a broadly tolerant man, who certainly does not discriminate when it comes to dealing with or hiring representatives of minority groups. He stated the nominee, as Governor of New York, employed numerous top-flight persons who were members of minority groups.

WRIGHT stated he has associated with the nominee socially on occasion, but does not know anything about his financial affairs, other than what he has read in the newspapers and other media.

WRIGHT added he feels that if he had been in President FORD's position he would have done exactly as FORD had done in picking the best qualified Republican for Vice President. WRIGHT stated he has said this publicly and still feels the same. He added he is aware of nothing which would prevent ROCKEFELLER from doing an outstanding job as Vice President of the United States.

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KNOXVILLE	BUREAU	9/28/74	9/26/74

TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY [redacted] b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Washington Field teletype to Bureau, 9/27/74.
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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: HOWARD H. BAKER, U. S. Senator, acquainted with nominee since 1964, and describes nominee's image as one of warmth, strength, quickness of wit, and intelligence. BAKER states nominee is person of superior character and knows of no questionable attitudes, contacts, traits, or associates of nominee, and feels nominee fully qualified for position of Vice President of the United States.

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DETAILS:

HOWARD H. BAKER, U. S. Senator, from Tennessee, advised on August 28, 1974, he has known nominee since 1964 in a political, governmental, and social capacity. Senator BAKER stated that during the 1968 Presidential Campaign he became well acquainted with nominee and had frequent contacts with him. Since the 1968 Presidential Campaign his contacts with nominee were approximately every 30 to 60 days until recently when nominee became Chairman of the National Commission on Water Quality of which he, Senator BAKER, is a member. Senator BAKER advised he presently has contact with nominee approximately every two to three weeks.

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Senator BAKER stated that the public's image of nominee and his image of nominee are very similar. He described this image as one of warmth, strength, and a quickness of wit and intelligence. Senator BAKER further advised that in his opinion nominee is a person of superior character and he has exhibited no trace of deceitfulness during their association.

Senator BAKER further advised that he knows of no questionable attitudes, contacts, traits, or associates of nominee and stated due to nominee's personality and background, he feels nominee is fully qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CLEVELAND	BUREAU	8/23/74	8/28/74

TITLE OF CASE

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 8/19/74, captioned "National Caucus of Labor Committees, IS - RCLC."
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Report of SA JAMES G. SHORT, 8/28/74.

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The Agent who overheard the interview which is set out in this report is SA [redacted], who heard only the last hour of the program. The tape of this program is not available to the FBI without a subpoena or other strong reason.

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Date: August 28, 1974

Field Office File #: (161-999) Bureau File #: (161-6197)

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Dr. PETER BETER (Phonetic) was interviewed [illegible] on Cleveland Radio Station WERE on 8-18-74. BETER admitted being a member of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, and called for all his listeners to contact President GERALD FORD and ask him not to appoint NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President. BETER stated recent fall of regime in Greece was caused by CIA under direction of ROCKEFELLER and that ROCKEFELLER intends to gain reins of Government. BETER further claimed that ROCKEFELLER should be indicted for various activities since the 1930's.

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DETAILS:

On August 18, 1974, a Dr. PETER BETER (Phonetic), described as the author of "The Conspiracy Against Your Dollar," was interviewed on Cleveland Radio Station WERE.

BETER admitted being a member of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, and called for all his listeners to contact President GERALD FORD and ask him not to appoint NELSON ROCKEFELLER as his Vice President. BETER contended that the recent fall of the regime in Greece was caused by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) under the direction of ROCKEFELLER. It was his further claim that the ROCKEEELLER-CIA apparatus throughout the entire Federal Government, Congress, Special Prosecutors and the Courts, arranged the current U. S. Constitutional crisis to insure that ROCKEFELLER would gain the reins of Government. BETER claimed that ROCKEFELLER's money financed the disruption of the 1972 Democratic National Convention as part of the overall plan to gain power.

BETER claimed that all recent adverse actions which have occurred on a world-wide scale have been caused by the ROCKEFELLER family in their attempt to take over the whole world. He claimed that ROCKEFELLER personally should be indicted for various activities since the 1930's. These activities, he stated, included among other things that ROCKEFELLER advised then President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT to remove the U. S. from the gold standard; ROCKEFELLER set up the Sovietization of U. S. industry under the National Recovery Act; ROCKEFELLER installed universal military training; ROCKEFELLER, under the cover of being in charge of hemispheric defense, infiltrated the whole of Latin America through his companies; ROCKEFELLER made possible the current U. S. dependency on Saudi-Arabian oil during World War II; ROCKEFELLER was the recipient of the benefits of the slave labor camps in Germany through his holdings in the German I. O. Farben firm; and ROCKEFELLER and his co-agent, ALGER HISS, supposedly set up the United Nations charter which insured that all information about inter-American defense effort would be funnelled to a Russian General in the United Nations.

BETER also stated that he, BETER, had requested Congress to conduct an audit of Fort Knox as he claimed that all the gold which had been stored there had been removed by ROCKEFELLER. BETER claimed that ROCKEFELLER-CIA operatives in the Congress and Treasury were able to forestall that investigation.

The National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) in which BETER admitted membership, was formed in 1969 by members of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Labor Committee, which was expelled from SDS in 1968. Calling itself the New York Labor Committee, the organization proclaimed, in early 1970, that its aim was "to identify with the American workers to emerge as a separate and distinct classoriented toward a socialist America." In its 1972 literature, the organization, which had changed its name to NCLC, described itself as an "organization of revolutionary socialists" aiming to build a "unified"working class movement" to secure control of the economy. In March, 1973, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that, in his opinion, NCLC is a "revolutionary socialist organization which aims to overthrow the United States Government by force and replace it with a communist form of Government."

During April and May, 1973, NCLC members began a six-week "mop-up" campaign of disrupting meetings, conferences, demonstrations and conventions of various communist, Trotskyist and socialist organizations for the stated reason that these groups lacked a violent approach to moving toward socialism. The disruptions, in some cases, included physical attacks on attendees, resulting in their injuries, and arrests of the NCLC attackers. According to a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, Lyn Marcus (true name Lyndon H. LaRouche), National Chairman of NCLC, stated in May, 1973, that the NCLC attackers would be the nucleus of a future American red army. The source also advised that Marcus stated "by 1979 NCLC would have gained state power in the United States and by the year 2000 in the world."

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Marcus stated in November, 1973, that "it is necessary for radicals to become revolutionaries ready to die in the struggle for power." According to an "Internal Bulletin" authored by Marcus and released by him in March, 1974, he "governs the NCLC based upon Marxist theories and methods," and

"NCLC is the only actual Marxist organization yet existing." The third source, mentioned above, also advised that NCLC now has a membership of between 700 and 800. The April 22, 1974, edition of the NCLC newspaper "New Solidarity" listed NCLC chapters in 42 cities in the United States and affiliated chapters in five foreign countries.

During the past year, NCLC members have been involved in fights, beatings, using drugs, detaining members against their will, brainwashings and at least one shooting. NCLC members have been reported to be armed, to have received "defensive training" such as karate and to have attended cadre schools and a training camp to learn military tactics.

NCLC began a campaign in February, 1974, aimed at exposing an alleged plot by the CIA and the ROCKEFELLERS, particularly NELSON ROCKEFELLER, to take over the United States by controlling the money, causing a depression, planning race riots and creating fascism. During ensuing months, NCLC accused the ROCKEFELLERS of being responsible for the world oil crisis and, through the manipulation of CIA, gaining a stronghold over advanced capitalistic nations. In addition, NCLC has charged that a faction of CIA, under the leadership of NELSON ROCKEFELLER, is plotting a military coup in both the United States and England.

Following the recent nomination by President FORD of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President, the latter appeared at a political fund-raising dinner on August 21, 1974, in Newport, Rhode Island, at which an NCLC activist began shouting at Mr. ROCKEFELLER and was ejected from the dinner. He was thereafter detained at the Newport Police Department for identification. Subsequently, an individual who identified himself as an attorney for NCLC, accused the United States Attorney (USA) in Providence, Rhode Island; the Secret Service (SS); and the Newport Police Department of depriving the NCLC activist of his civil rights. The USA advised him to complain to the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury if he desired to pursue the matter. It should be noted that NCLC has, in the past, filed suit in Federal court in Detroit, Michigan, seeking an injunction against FBI investigation of its activities.

In furtherance of its activites, NCLC utilizes its front group, the North American Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NUWRO), to attract poor people to its philosophy; its youth group, the Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM), to organize ghetto youths; and its political arm, the U. S. Labor Party (USLP), to conduct political campaigns aimed at acquainting the general public with the activities of the NCLC. USLP currently has candidates running in various local, state and Federal elections in several areas of the country.

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Date: 8/28/74

Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

Field Office File #: (161-999)

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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

RAYMOND KUDUKIS, Director of Public Utilities, City of Cleveland, Ohio, has served on the National Commission on Water Quality with nominee for the past year and a half. He recommends him very favorably.

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DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

On August 28, 1974, Mr. RAYMOND KUDUKIS, Director of Public Utilities for the City of Cleveland, 1201 Lakeside Avenue, N. E., Cleveland, Ohio, furnished the following information:

He has been a member of the National Commission on Water Quality for about the past year and a half, and during this time he has been personally associated with NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, the Chairman of the Commission. He has also had a few other contacts with Mr. ROCKEFELLER during the above period in connection with other matters, primarily of a political nature.

He has a very high opinion of Mr. ROCKEFELLER's ability as a statesman, and has observed that he has been respected and revered as a public official by the American people over a period of many years. He believes Mr. ROCKEFELLER is well qualified in all respects for the office of Vice President of the United States, and recommends him very highly for that position.

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Report of:	SA WILLIAM M. SPENGLER	Office:	Houston
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Field Office File #:	Houston 161-702	Bureau File #:	161-6197
Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER		
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY		

Synopsis: Senator LLOYD M. BENTSEN, Houston, Texas, favorable in his comments on nominee.

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DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Senator LLOYD M. BENTSEN advised on August 28, 1974, that he has been casually acquainted with NELSON ROCKEFELLER for a number of years and has had some contact with him on a social basis. He stated he considers ROCKEFELLER a loyal American, and a man of honesty, integrity, and high moral character. He said he knows of nothing derogatory concerning ROCKEFELLER or his associates.

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Report of: LEON F. BROWN
Date: August 27, 1974

Office: Sacramento, California

Field Office File #: 161-440

Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

New York State Assembly Minority Leader STANLEY STEINGUT stated he had no question as to ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, habits, associates or loyalty to the United States. He stated he directly opposes ROCKEFELLER on issues of political philosophy and does not feel ROCKEFELLER was competent in running the State of New York. He stated if he were voting on confirmation, he would vote in favor because he believes it is the President's right and responsibility to designate the person the President feels to be best qualified.

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DETAILS:

On August 27, 1974, STANLEY STEINGUT was interviewed at Sacramento, California. He stated he is Assemblyman for the 41st Assembly District, Brooklyn, New York, and he is the minority leader of the New York State Assembly, and as such, has been well acquainted with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. He stated he has no information which would cause question as to ROCKEFELLER's character, reputation, habits, associates or loyalty to the United

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States. He further advised that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be very intelligent, hardworking and knowledgeable, and that ROCKEFELLER is extremely charming and personable.

STEINGUT said he is directly opposed to ROCKEFELLER on issues of political philosophy, and on this basis, does not believe ROCKEFELLER has been competent in running the State of New York. As an example, he cited what he believed to have been poor planning in connection with the building of the new mall at Albany which is now going to cost one and one half billion dollars, whereas it was originally planned to cost $250 million dollars. STEINGUT said this reflected poorly on ROCKEFELLER's judgment as the whole project was not necessary and was "just allowed to grow like Topsy".

STEINGUT said he feels the President has the right and responsibility to designate whomever he honestly feels is the best person for this job. Therefore, if STEINGUT were voting on confirmation, and if no information as to the honesty, character and integrity of ROCKEFELLER not now known to STEINGUT were developed, STEINGUT would vote to confirm. However, he would want to make it clear that this should not be interpreted to mean that he would have designated or was recommending designation of ROCKEFELLER for this position.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:	SA JOHN R. HAWKEN	Office:	ST. LOUIS
Date:	August 28, 1974		
Field Office File #:	SL 161-3399	Bureau File #:	161-6197
Title:	NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER		
Character:	SPECIAL INQUIRY		

Synopsis:

LIAM COONAN, head of St. Louis Federal Organized Crime Strike Force, advised as trial attorney with Organized Crime Strike Force, Eastern District of New York, November, 1970 to November, 1972, he assisted in narcotics trial involving [redacted], a subject. Information developed that [redacted], on particular Monday in 1971, was unavailable for meeting with Bureau of Narcotics undercover Agent as [redacted] was to meet that day with NELSON ROCKEFELLER. COONAN advised it was necessary to threaten New York office of Governor ROCKEFELLER with subpoenas before that office made available photographs taken that day of Governor's meeting with [redacted] and others. ROCKEFELLER's general counsel apologized and said lack of cooperation was due to breakdown of communications. COONAN completely convinced beyond any doubt that [redacted] and ROCKEFELLER's meeting was happenstance and of political nature.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On August 28, 1974, Mr. LIAM COONAN, head of the St. Louis Federal Organized Crime Strike Force, United States Department of Justice, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that he was

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a trial attorney with the Organized Crime Strike Force in the Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn) from November, 1970 to November, 1972. In 1971 or 1972 COONAN assisted Mr. JAMES O. DRUKER, Assistant to the Attorney General, Special Prosecutor's Office, New York, New York, in the trial of a narcotics case, United States vs. CIOFFI, Et Al. Information developed in this case disclosed that an undercover Agent used by the Bureau of Narcotics stated that he had been unable to make a meeting with one of the subjects, [redacted], on a particular Monday in 1971 because [redacted] was going to meet with Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER on that day. [redacted], according to COONAN, was at that time President of a Barbers Union Local in New York City and also an Executive in the Italian - American Civil Rights League. b6 b7C

Mr. COONAN said, with respect to the [redacted] case, that he had felt at the time that it was necessary to pinpoint [redacted] activities on the Monday he had met with Governor ROCKEFELLER. Accordingly, COONAN called Governor ROCKEFELLER's office in New York City and spoke with an unknown secretary. COONAN explained the situation and the fact that he would like to have access to the Governor's diary for the date in question and also any photographs taken that day of the Governor. The secretary said she would have to get back to COONAN. When the secretary did get back to COONAN, she advised that she did not feel it was appropriate to comply with his request. COONAN said that in view of this, it would be necessary for him to send an Agent to the office for this information. The secretary replied that this would not do any good. At this time COONAN then spoke to one of Governor ROCKEFELLER's counsels, the Chief Counsel being out of town on a fishing trip. COONAN said that he told this counsel, whose name he was unable to recall, that if necessary, he was going to subpoena the Governor's diary and pertinent photographs. b6 b7C

The next thing that happened was that COONAN received a telephone call from DAN HOLLMAN, who was at that time Chief of the Southern District of New York Strike Force. HOLLMAN inquired into the facts of this case. COONAN said that he was

irritated at this point by HOLLMAN's inquiry and he told HOLLMAN to have Governor ROCKEFELLER's attorney call him (COONAN) as soon as possible.

COONAN next received a telephone call from his superior in Washington, D. C., the Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Department of Justice. His superior inquired as to the general status of this investigation and COONAN explained how matters stood at that time. COONAN's superior, after hearing COONAN's report, told COONAN that if he felt that ROCKEFELLER's diary and photographs were needed, to go ahead and subpoena them. COONAN said that he told his superior at this time that if the desired information was not in COONAN's New York office by 10:00 A.M. the following Monday, he was going to issue subpoenas for this information.

Around midnight on the Sunday before the Monday deadline COONAN received a long distance telephone call from Governor ROCKEFELLER's Chief Counsel, MIKE WHITEMAN. WHITEMAN apologized for the lack of cooperation of the Governor's office in New York City in this matter and said that it was a misunderstanding or a comedy of errors resulting from a breakdown in communications. WHITEMAN stated that Governor ROCKEFELLER, even at the risk of damaging his public reputation, did not wish to affect adversely the progress of a narcotics case. Therefore, Governor ROCKEFELLER would provide all the assistance he could in this matter. WHITEMAN said that a special messenger would be dispatched to COONAN's office with the requested diary entries and photographs. Continuing, COONAN advised that at 10:00 P.M. on Monday, the deadline date, the promised messenger arrived with the requested diary entries and photographs. These photographs showed ROCKEFELLER and [redacted] together in the company of others. COONAN said that the photographs gave the impression that the Governor was meeting with the President of a barber union and other union officials. He said that they appeared to be of a purely political nature. b6 b7C

COONAN said, further, that he made the decision not to use the information furnished by Governor ROCKEFELLER based on his (COONAN's) own analysis of what was needed in

the case against [redacted]. He said that he was not pressured in any manner whatsoever to make this decision. COONAN further advised that he was completely convinced beyond any doubt that the fact that Governor ROCKEFELLER and [redacted] were together was purely happenstance and a meeting of a political nature. COONAN said that once he had gotten beyond the lower level of Governor ROCKEFELLER's aides, he obtained complete cooperation in this matter. He added that on subsequent occasions since this incident he received complete cooperation from Governor ROCKEFELLER's office in New York City in other matters. b6 b7C

In conclusion, COONAN said that he does not attach any unfavorable interpretation upon the meeting between Governor ROCKEFELLER and [redacted] as related above. He further advised that he knows of nothing that would reflect unfavorably upon the morality, ethics, character, reputation, and associations of Governor ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

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Report of: [redacted]
Date: August 28, 1974

Office: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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Field Office File #: 161-510

Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: United States Representative JOHN A. BLATNIK known ROCKEFELLER since 1959. Worked closely with him on National Commission on Water Quality. ROCKEFELLER's character, loyalty and administrative ability extremely favorable. Considers him excellent nominee.

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DETAILS:

Associates

United States Representative JOHN A. BLATNIK, was interviewed on August 28, 1974, Chisholm, Minnesota, at which time he advised he has been acquainted with Mr. ROCKEFELLER since 1959. He and Mr. ROCKEFELLER serve on the National Commission on Water Quality. ROCKEFELLER has taken an outstanding lead in attempting to unite all the states within the United States in the Federal Water Pollution Law Program. ROCKEFELLER's administrative ability is exceptional and he is dedicated in his work for the benefit of his country. ROCKEFELLER's character and loyalty are extremely favorable and he considers him an excellent nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: NEWARK, NEW JERSEY b6 b7C
Date: 8/28/74

Field Office File #: 161-2191 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Mrs. [redacted] regards nominee very highly as an outstanding choice for the position of trust.

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DETAILS:

On August 28, 1974, Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C Mount Pleasant, New York, vacationing in care of her daughter, [redacted], Avon by the Sea, New Jersey, advised that she has known nominee and his immediate family for approximately 34 years, socially and as personal friends. She stated nominee and his family are all of excellent character, morals, reputation, integrity and loyalty. She recommends the nominee as an outstanding choice for a position in the United States Government.

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania b6 b7C
Date: August 28, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-1373 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title:
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Mr. [redacted], Esquire, former legal assistant to JOHN LOCKWOOD, who provided legal counsel to the ROCKEFELLER family, advised having no knowledge of nominee having interest in Consolidated Edison and/or benefiting from that company due to a rate increase. Mr. [redacted] highly recommended nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

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DETAILS:

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At Upper Black Eddy, Pa.

Mr. [redacted], former legal assistant to JOHN LOCKWOOD, Esquire, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N.Y., legal counsel for the Rockefeller family, advised having known nominee since the fall of 1958. At that time he was a junior partner with Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and Mc Cloy law firm, New York City, N.Y., and this firm provided legal counsel for the Nelson Rockefeller family. During the fall of 1958, he was assigned specifically to assist b6 b7C

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attorney JOHN LOCKWOOD in legal matters for the NELSON ROCKEFELLER family and remained in that position until around 1964 or 1965 at which time he terminated employment with this firm and worked in the same capacity; however, being under the specific control of the NELSON ROCKEFELLER family.

Mr. [redacted] recalled nominee assumed the Governorship of New York in early 1959 and at that time the State Statute pertaining to Conflict of Interest laws pertaining to elected officials was checked. To the best of his recollection, this statute indicated an elected official must disclose "Interest in things subject to public regulation." A list of organizations, facilities pertaining to this law was prepared, and to the best of his recollection, a letter or report indicating all disclosures relative to Conflict of Interest, was forwarded to the Office of Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y. He is unable to recall whether Consolidated Edison was among other organizations listed in that report; in fact, he has no knowledge of nominee ever having benefited from any rate increase in Consolidated Edison or related agency. b6 b7C

Pertaining to nominee's political affairs and career, he said nominee had other attorneys to conduct business in that regard. His specific responsibilities, while employed for nominee, were matters relating to the family and not legal matters relative to nominee's profession. He stated Mr. JOHN LOCKWOOD, Esquire, would be able to provide information specifically to refute any allegation that nominee would have personally benefited from an investment in Consolidated Edison Company.

He described nominee as a thoroughly honest, capable individual of unquestionable background, including character, personal integrity, associates, and loyalty to the United States. He said nominee is dedicated to the betterment of life for all mankind. He highly recommended nominee without reservation or qualification for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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Date: August 28, 1974

Field Office File #: BA 161-3961 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Associate comments favorably and recommends.

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DETAILS:

On August 28, 1974, Doctor EDWIN A. GEE was interviewed at his place of employment, E. I. Dupont de Nemours, Wilmington, Delaware, regarding nominee.

Doctor GEE advised that he had been professionally associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER for approximately 1½ years as one of 15 members of the National Committee on Water Quality. Doctor GEE stated that his contact with the nominee was on a monthly basis during the committee's meeting in Washington, D. C. He stated that he has met with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on two social occasions following the committee meetings.

Doctor GEE stated that his knowledge of Mr. ROCKEFELLER was limited to his professional association with him, and he knew of nothing adverse concerning the nominee's loyalty, character, reliability or associates. He considers Mr. ROCKEFELLER a dynamic and aggressive individual, who is "short fused" if antagonized. In discussions involving professional differences, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, according to Doctor GEE, could be totally unreasonable, but with passage of time would moderate his position. Doctor GEE believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is moderate in all of his personal habits and is of good character.

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He stated that he had no reason to question Mr. ROCKEFELLER's qualifications as a Vice Presidential nominee, and considered him a good candidate for that position, and recommended him for that position of trust.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 28, 1974

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

During the 1969 applicant-type investigation, [redacted], Washoe County Clerk's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised Special Agent Wallace M. Pollard on March 27, 1969, that divorce action number 197412 was filed March 16, 1962, in Department 1, Second Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Washoe, Reno, Nevada, by Mary C. Rockefeller, Plaintiff, versus Nelson A. Rockefeller, Defendant. This action was held March 16, 1962, in private, and transcript of the testimony was sealed. The record reflects that the parties were married at Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1930. There were no minor children the issue of this marriage at the time of this action. Property and future support agreement, dated November 17, 1961, was stipulated as fair and adequate, and was not submitted to the court. Absolute divorce was granted to the plaintiff March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. The record indicates that plaintiff had been a resident of the State of Nevada for six weeks prior to this hearing.

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On March 27, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted], Identification Bureau, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno, Nevada, advised Mary Rockefeller established her six-week residence at Washoe County, Nevada, in 1962 and that the files of this office contain no record concerning her.

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On March 27, 1969, [redacted], Identification Bureau, Reno, Nevada, Police Department, advised the files of this Bureau contain no identifiable record concerning Mary T. Clark Rockefeller.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY

AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE VERY EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. HE WAS BORN JULY EIGHT, NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHT, BAR HARBOR, MAINE, AND IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

REVIEW OF FEDERAL TAX RETURNS NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR - NINETEEN SEVENTY-THREE PROVIDED BY NOMINEE SHOWS INFORMATION RELATING TO SEVERAL VENEZUELAN COMPANIES. IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR NOMINEE OWNED ALL STOCK OF MONTE SACRO, S.A., APARTADO DE CORREOS NO. FOUR THREE TWO SEVEN ESTE CARACAS, VENEZUELA. THIS CORPORATION ORGANIZED VENEZUELA AUGUST TWENTY-ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO. RESIDENT AGENT IS [redacted], SAME ADDRESS, AND CUSTODIAN OF BOOKS IS [redacted], [redacted] VALENCIA, VENEZUELA. BUSINESS IS CATTLE BREEDING AND FARMING. b6 b7C

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NINETEEN FORTY-NINE, IN VENEZUELA AND HOLDS ALL STOCK OF VENEZUELAN CORPORATION WHICH PRODUCES AND SELLS DAIRY PRODUCTS IN VENEZUELA; MANUFACTURES AND DISTRIBUTES FRUIT JUICES. ALSO SHOWN IS DISTRIBUIDORA DE PRODUCTOS LACTEOS C.A. (DIPROLAC), SAME ADDRESS AS IN INLACA, INCORPORATED SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY, IN VENEZUELA; NATURE OF BUSINESS PRODUCTION AND SALE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS IN VENEZUELA. NOMINEE SHOWS VENEZUELAN INCOME TAX PAID IN NINETEEN SEVENTY-THREE IN AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS BASED ON GROSS INCOME OUTSIDE UNITED STATES OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS WITH TAXABLE INCOME OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS.

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR NINETEEN SEVENTY-THREE SHOWS TAXPAYER SOLD SIXTY THOUSAND SHARES OF STOCK OF INLACA TO AIRES VALCOM, S.A., A VENEZUELAN CORPORATION PURSUANT TO A SALES AGREEMENT. NO PART OF PURCHASE PRICE RECEIVED IN NINETEEN SEVENTY-THREE AND AMOUNT TO BE RECEIVED IS UNCERTAIN UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

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LEGAT CARACAS THROUGH YOUR SOURCES REVIEW GOVERNMENT RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF ALL TAXES PAID IN VENEZUELA AND WHETHER ANY TAX LIENS OUTSTANDING. REVIEW ANY GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC RECORDS TO DETERMINE PRESENT STATUS OF CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE, IDENTIFY OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS, CHECK FOR TAX LIENS, AND INTERVIEW PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF EACH CORPORATION TO ASCERTAIN DEGREE OF NOMINEE'S PARTICIPATION AND CONTROL IN BUSINESS. ALSO DETERMINE NATURE OF BUSINESS AND IDENTIFY OFFICERS IN AIRES VALCOM, S.A. AT BANCO MERCANTIL Y AGRICOLA IN VALENCIA, VENEZUELA, DETERMINE THROUGH SOURCES CURRENT STATUS OF ANY LOANS AND WHETHER PRIOR LENDING EXPERIENCE SATISFACTORY.

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TO DIRECTOR 161-6197

FROM NEW YORK 161-2961 (P) 3P

Mr. Coleman
Room 4246

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

REVIEW OF FEDERAL TAX RETURNS 1964 - 1973 PROVIDED BY NOMINEE SHOWS INFORMATION RELATING TO SEVERAL VENEZUELAN COMPANIES. IN 1964 NOMINEE OWNED ALL STOCK OF MONTE SACRO, S.A., APARTADO DE CORREOS NO. 4327 ESTE CARACAS, VENEZUELA. THIS CORPORATION ORGANIZED VENEZUELA AUGUST 21, 1962. RESIDENT AGENT IS [redacted], SAME ADDRESS, AND CUSTODIAN OF BOOKS IS [redacted], [redacted] VALENCIA, VENEZUELA. BUSINESS IS CATTLE BREEDING AND FARMING. TAX RETURNS ALSO IDENTIFY CONTROLLED FOREIGN CORPORATIONS AS CA INDUSTRIA LACTEA DE CARABOBO (INLACA), APARTADO DE ESTE 5377, CARACAS, INCORPORATED MAY 5, 1949, IN VENEZUELA AND HOLDS ALL STOCK OF VENEZUELAN CORPORATION WHICH PRODUCES AND SELLS DAIRY

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PRODUCTS IN VENEZUELA; MANUFACTURES AND DISTRIBUTES FRUIT JUICES. ALSO SHOWN IS DISTRIBUIDORA DE PRODUCTOS LACTEOS C.A. (DIPROLAC), SAME ADDRESS AS IN INLACA, INCORPORATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1960, IN VENEZUELA; NATURE OF BUSINESS PRODUCTION AND SALE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS IN VENEZUELA. NOMINEE SHOWS VENEZUELAN INCOME TAX PAID IN 1973 IN AMOUNT OF $12,487 BASED ON GROSS INCOME OUTSIDE UNITED STATES OF $188,212 WITH TAXABLE INCOME OF $45, 176.

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR 1973 SHOWS TAXPAYER SOLD 60,000 SHARES OF STOCK OF INLACA TO AIRES VALCOM, S.A., A VENEZUELAN CORPORATION PURSUANT TO A SALES AGREEMENT. NO PART OF PURCHASE PRICE RECEIVED IN 1973, AND AMOUNT TO BE RECEIVED IS UNCERTAIN UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974, WITHOUT FAIL.

AT 1:30 P.M., INSTANT DATE, SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS CONTACTED NOMINEE'S SECRETARY, ANN WHITMAN AND ADVISED HER THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE BUREAU TO REINTERVIEW THE NOMINEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING MATTERS WHICH HAVE ARISEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE NOMINEE'S BACKGROUND.

AT 4:30 P.M., INSTANT DATE, ANN WHITMAN ADVISED SA SAUNDERS THAT THE NOMINEE INTENDS TO SPEND FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 AT SEAL HARBOUR, MAINE, AND CONCLUDE HIS VACATION AT HIS WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, HOME FROM SATURDAY AUGUST 31, UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT IT WAS THE NOMINEE'S WISH THAT THE INTERVIEW TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, AT 11:00 A.M. AT HIS NEW YORK CITY OFFICE.

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Mr. Coleman
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TO: SAC, NEWARK
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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

RE BUREAU TEL, AUGUST 21, 1974, AND NEW YORK TEL CALL, AUGUST 29, 1974.

SOCIAL AND LONG TIME PERSONAL FRIEND OF CAPTIONED NOMINEE, MONROE WHEELER, FORMER DIRECTOR OF MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, CURRENTLY RETIRED, LIVING HAY-MEADOWS, ROSEMONT, NEW JERSEY, TELEPHONE 609-397-0120. WHEELER AND NOMINEE VERY CLOSE THROUGH ASSOCIATION AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART.

NEWARK AT ROSEMONT, NEW JERSEY. WILL INTERVIEW WHEELER RE NOMINEE.

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RE WFO TEL, AUGUST 27, 1974, NEW YORK TEL, AUGUST 28, 1974.

ON AUGUST 28, 1974, [redacted] ADVISED JOHN WELLS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT AT 10 A.M. PST, AT TELEPHONE 415-989-3500, STANFORD COURT HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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FOR INFO OF SAN FRANCISCO, FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG WAS INTERVIEWED BY WFO AND WAS HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY TOWARD THE NOMINEE. GOLDBERG RAN AGAINST THE NOMINEE IN THE 1970 NEW YORK GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN AND WAS DEFEATED. GOLDBERG ADVISED THAT DURING THIS CAMPAIGN 1974 BOOK ENTITLED "ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG; THE OLD AND THE NEW," WAS WRITTEN BY AUTHOR VICTOR LASKY. GOLDBERG HELD THAT THIS BOOK

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WAS LIBELOUS AND ASSERTIONS WERE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED. GOLDBERG ADVISED THAT THIS BOOK APPEARED IN PRINT DURING THE CAMPAIGN AND DISAPPEARED AFTER HIS DEFEAT BY THE NOMINEE. GOLDBERG DID NOT FEEL THAT THE NOMINEE HAD ANY PART IN THIS WRITING, BUT HAD BEEN CURIOUS AS TO ITS ORIGIN AND BACKING.

ON INTERVIEW, VICTOR LASKY ADVISED THAT THIS BOOK WAS WRITTEN UPON THE SUGGESTION OF ATTORNEY JOHN WELLS, NEW YORK, WHO IS AN ATTORNEY OF LASKY. WELLS REPRESENTS A LITERARY ORGANIZATION CALLED LITERARY PROPERTIES, AND WELLS SUGGESTED GOLDBERG TO LASKY AS A SUBJECT BECAUSE HE WAS A FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AND AN UNKNOWN IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. LASKY ADVISED THAT HE AND WELLS THOUGHT THE BOOK WOULD SELL AND A PROFIT COULD BE MADE. LASKY STATED HE WROTE THE BOOK INTENDING TO "KNOCK" GOLDBERG DOWN POLITICALLY BUT IN NO WAY WAS ANYONE CONNECTED WITH A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INVOLVED WITH THE WRITING OR FUNDING OF THE BOOK.

FOLLOWING THE DEFEAT OF GOLDBERG, THE BOOK FAILED AND LITTLE PROFIT WAS RECOGNIZED FROM THIS WRITING. LASKY

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FELT THAT IF GOLDBERG HAD WON THE BOOK WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL.

LASKY COULD NOT RECALL WHAT PROMPTED WELLS TO SUGGEST THE BOOK WITH GOLDBERG AS A SUBJECT OR COULD HE PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING FINANCING.

THE BOOK WAS PUBLISHED BY ARLINGTON HOUSE, NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK, 1970.

LASKY ADVISED THAT HE IS A PUBLISHED WRITER AND DEALS MAINLY WITH POLITICAL FIGURES. HE HAS WRITTEN BOOKS REGARDING THE CAREERS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY, AND RICHARD M. NIXON (YET TO BE PUBLISHED).

JOHN WELLS IS AN ATTORNEY CURRENTLY AT THE LAW FIRM OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM P. ROGERS (ROYALL, KOEGEL, ROGERS AND WELLS), NEW YORK.

SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD NOTE THAT LASKY WAS INTERVIEWED BY WFO AGENTS IN 1973 IN CONNECTION WITH RECEIVING A CASH PAYMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT THE PRESIDENT IN THE

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AMOUNT OF $20,000. PAYMENTS WERE MADE BY JEB STUART MAGRUDER ALLEGEDLY FOR THE WRITING OF SPEECHES AND JOKES FOR [redacted], WHICH WERE NEVER USED.

SAN FRANCISCO INTERVIEW JOHN WELLS RE ANY POLITICAL BACKING OR FUNDING OF REFERENCED BOOK. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT INTERVIEW WITH FORMER JUSTICE GOLDBERG SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED AND NO ALLEGATION OF POLITICAL BACKING SHOULD BE IMPLIED.

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FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (161-2450) (P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974 WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELETYPE, AUGUST 29, 1974.

JOHN WELLS, 200 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WAS INTERVIEWED AT STANFORD COURT HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, ON AUGUST 29, 1974. WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE BOOK ENTITLED "ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG; THE OLD AND THE NEW," BY VICTOR LASKY, HE STATED "THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE BOOK AND IT IS ACCURATE IN EVERY DETAIL." WHEN ASKED WHO THE BACKER OF THE BOOK WAS, HE STATED THAT HE MUST TALK WITH HIS CLIENT PRIOR TO FURNISHING THAT INFORMATION. WHEN ASKED IF ANYONE CONNECTED WITH A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN WAS INVOLVED WITH THE WRITING OR THE FUNDING OF THE BOOK, HE STATED THAT HE COULD NOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

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WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD CONTACT HIS CLIENT AND HAVE HIS CLIENT CONTACT OUR NEW YORK OFFICE, HE STATED THAT HE WOULD BUT THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DO SO BY TELEPHONE AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEE HIS CLIENT UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1974. HE STATED HE WOULD CALL OUR NEW YORK OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1974, BEFORE NOON.

INFORMATION IN THIS NITEL NOT BEING INCLUDED IN REPORTED UACB.

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

REUREP AUGUST 27, 1974.

INTERVIEW JOHN E. SWEARINGEN, CHAIRMAN, STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF INDIANA, UPON HIS RETURN FROM VACATION AND SUBMIT REPORT.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 28, 1974.

ON AUGUST 29, 1974, THE OFFICE OF JOHN R. GARRISON, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION, NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ALBANY, ADVISED THAT HE WAS ON BUSINESS TRIP TO NYC. GARRISON'S OFFICE STATED HE COULD BE REACHED AT THE HARVARD CLUB IN NYC, TELEPHONE #682-4600, OR AT THE NYS DEPT. OF HEALTH, WORLD TRADE BUILDING BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. AND L:00 P.M., AUGUST 30, 1974.

NEW YORK WILL INTERVIEW JOHN R. GARRISON RE LEAD PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH FOR ALBANY IN NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, AUGUST 28, 1974.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, INSTANT DATE.

BUTEL ADVISED THAT AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK NEWSPAPER "TIMES UNION" DATED DECEMBER 19, 1973, PERTAINING TO IMPROPER CONTRACTS WHICH WERE ISSUED WHEREIN ROCKEFELLER, H THEN GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK STATE, WAS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THE AWARDING OF NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS TO THE COMPUTER FIRM ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS, OWNED AND OPERATED BY TEXAS MILLLIONAIRE H.HROSS PEROT. IT WAS CHARGED THAT THE GOVERNOR MADE A SECRET DEAL WITH MR. PEROT THAT WOULD LEAD TO A THIRTY MILLION DOLLAR YEAR CONTRACT TO RUN THE NEW YORK STATE WELFARE SYSTEM BY COMPUTER.

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THE PRINCIPLE CRITICS OF THESE CONTRACTUAL AWARDS WERE:

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REPRESENTATIVE BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL, (DEMOCRAT), QUEENS, NEW YORK.

NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR JULE M. SUGARMAN.

VICTOR GOTBAUM, HEAD OF MUNICIPAL UNION, DISTRICT COUNCIL 37, NEW YORK CITY.

BUREAU ADVISED THAT ABOVE INDIVIDUALS BE INTERVIEWED IN REGARD TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY IMPROPRIETIES ON THE PART OF ROCKEFELLER IN AWARDING THE CONTRACT.

[redacted], SECRETARY TO ROSENTHAL, QUEENS, NEW YORK, STATED THAT ROSENTHAL IS ON VACATION AND CAN BE REACHED AFTER 5 PM TONIGHT AND ALL DAY TOMORROW AT TELEPHONE [redacted]. [redacted] STATES THAT ROSENTHAL HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED IN REGARD TO ROCKEFELLER BY WFO AGENT. HOWEVER, SHE DOES NOT KNOW IF HE WAS INTERVIEWED IN REGARDS TO THIS MATTER.

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THEREFORE, WFO CONTACT ROSENTHAL AT ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER IN REGARDS TO THIS MATTER IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

[redacted] IS NOW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, H CITY HALL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TELEPHONE [redacted] ATLANTA CONTACT [redacted]. b6 b7C

VICTOR GOTBAUM IS ON VACATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1974, BUT CAN BE REACHED CARE OF STEINER, APARTADO POSTAL 672 CUERNAVACA, MEXICO, TELEPHONE [redacted] BUREAU SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION FOR LEGAT TO CONTACT GOTBAUM. b6 b7C

ATLANTA SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MATTER:

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED VICE PRESIDENT. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMMENSURATE WITH HIGH OFFICE INVOLVED. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEW SHOULD BE ADVISED INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO SUBMIT FULL AND COMPLETE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION. INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND SUBHEADINGS WHERE

APPROPRIATE AS IS DONE IN JUDGESHIP CASES. SUBMIT SIX COPIES TO BUREAU. REFER TO ROCKEFELLER IN REPORTS BY NAME OR AS NOMINEE, NOT APPOINTEE OR APPLICANT. REPORTS MUST BE LETTER PERFECT AND CLEAR, AND ALL INFORMATION THEREIN MUST BE FULLY DEVELOPED AND REPORTED.

MAKE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE DATA IS INCORPORATED IN ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES RATHER THAN DETAILS OF REPORT.

ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED SHOULD BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY TELETYPE.

FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ANY ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICES.

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Report of: DONALD W. KUNO
Date: August 29, 1974

Office: San Francisco

Field Office File #: SF 161-2450

Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Nominee recommended by fellow member of National Commission on Water Quality and New York Attorney.

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Details:

On August 29, 1974, Mr. WALTER A. HAAS, Sr., Director, Levi Strauss and Company, San Francisco, California, stated that he is 85 years of age and not particularly active in the company. He stated he had met Mr. ROCKEFELLER on one or two occasions and had shaken his hand, but he did not feel that he knew Mr. ROCKEFELLER well enough to comment, except to say that he had the highest admiration for him.

On August 29, 1974, Mr. JOHN A. WELLS, Partner, Rogers and Wells Law Firm, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York, and 1666 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was interviewed at Stanford Court Hotel, Powell and California Streets, San Francisco, California, and stated he had known the nominee since 1961 and recommended him as one of the best men in public life. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER had great Government experience both in New York and in Washington, D.C., and was strong in foreign policy matters. He stated there is no question concerning his character, loyalty or associates.

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On August 29, 1974, Mr. WILLIAM R. GIANNELLI, [redacted] Monterey Peninsula Country Club (mailing address Post Office Box [redacted] Pebble Beach), California, was contacted at his residence. He stated that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER for about one and one-half years. Mr. GIANNELLI formerly was Director of the California Water Resources board and was also a member of the President's National Commission on Water Quality of which Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Chairman. In his association within that regard, he had found Mr. ROCKEFELLER to be a sincere, dedicated man, truly concerned with the welfare of the country and its people. He was amazed at nominee's grasp of the problems of water quality and his ability to devote enough time in his obviously busy life as Governor of the State of New York to such a problem. He stated he would have no hesitancy in recommending Mr. ROCKEFELLER for any high position of trust.

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1- Mr. Nuzum
1- Mr. Cleveland (Attn: Coleman)

August 29, 1974

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Watergate Special Prosecution Force (SPF) and Office of Counsel to the President furnished information to this Bureau on August 11 and August 13, 1974, respectively, alleging that one [redacted] of Washington, D. C., possessed knowledge of information detrimental to Governor Rockefeller. b6 b7C

[redacted], who was identified and located by the FBI, related to the SPF on August 12, 1974, that [redacted] told [redacted] he had lied to the grand jury in 1973, and that he had secreted in a safe deposit box in Pulaski, Virginia, under his sister's name, certain documents which belong to [redacted]. These documents allegedly stated Governor Rockefeller contributed funds to the McGovern campaign and had hired thugs to disrupt the Democratic Convention if McGovern was not nominated. b6 b7C

[redacted] testified in May, 1973, before the Watergate grand jury in connection with a report that he had removed several boxes of records from the Executive Office Building office of [redacted] on June 18, 1972. b6 b7C

FBI investigation identified the seven brothers and sisters of [redacted] and located two safe deposit boxes which are rented to members of [redacted] family. [redacted] and the safe deposit box holders denied knowledge of any such papers and a consent search of the boxes disclosed nothing beyond personal effects. b6 b7C

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Details of investigation conducted by the FBI at the request of the SPF relating to the aforementioned matter have been furnished to the SPF. No further investigation has been requested of the FBI.

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NOTE: Orig and one forwarded to Mr. Cleveland this date; one cc to WFO by 0-7 for information this date. Above decision from SPF re further investigation was furnished to SA A.G. Barger by Mr. Ben-Veniste, SPF, 8/27/74.

This LHM has been prepared by the General Investigative Division for inclusion in the comprehensive response being prepared by the Special Investigative Division re the Special Inquiry of Rockefeller. The material therein is basically the same as the information on this matter furnished to General Alexander Haig at the White House in letter dated 8/19/74. The only data herein which is different is the penultimate paragraph. The letter to General Haig states the SPF is deciding what further action is warranted; this LHM shows no further investigation has been requested.

Preparation of this LHM was coordinated with SA O. J. Auerswald, Special Investigative Division (that division merely summarizes those investigations where the allegations are unfounded or uncorroborated, such as [redacted] re [redacted]). b6 b7C

Details of investigation conducted for the SPF are furnished only to that office and not to any other offices of the Executive Branch. Therefore, details of this investigation are not being disseminated as part of the Special Inquiry investigation being conducted by the Special Investigative Division. Only the SPF possesses the full details of all investigation conducted relative to this allegation and consequently is the only source of the conclusions thereof.

On 8/27/74 SA A. G. Barger advised Assistant Special Prosecutor Peter Kreindler that the White House has made inquiries concerning Rockefeller and that summary as set forth above was being furnished in response thereto. He stated the SPF had no objection and that the SPF is in receipt of an urgent inquiry from the US Senate concerning this investigation and will comply with that request.

An LHM confirming the SPF's position re further investigation and our disclosure of a summary to the White House is being submitted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Alexandria, Virginia b6 b7C
Date: 8/29/74

Field Office File #: AX 161-2695 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character:
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:
MAXINE CHESHIRE, Columnist, Washington Post, Washington, D. C., not interviewed.

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DETAILS:

ACQUAINTANCE

At Alexandria, Virginia:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 28, 1974: b6 b7C

MAXINE CHESHIRE, Columnist, Washington Post Newspaper, Washington, D. C., residing at [redacted] Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, respectfully refused to be interviewed, stating it was the policy of the Washington Post Newspaper to prohibit their columnists and reporters to be interviewed regarding background cases.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Detroit, Michigan b6
Date: 8/29/74 b7C

Field Office File #: 161-1469 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character:
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

HENRY FORD, II, Chairman of the Board, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan, advised he has been acquainted with the nominee for 45 years. He described nominee as a close personal friend and a man of the highest integrity. The nominee was the first personal choice of Mr. FORD for the office of Vice President. Mr. FORD highly recommends nominee.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Dearborn, Michigan, on August 29, 1974: b6 b7C

HENRY FORD, II, Chairman of the Board, Ford Motor Company, The American Road, Dearborn, Michigan, home residence 457 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, advised as follows:

Mr. FORD stated that he has personally known NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the last 45 years, having been raised with him at Bar Harbor, Maine. Mr. FORD stated that he is a close personal friend of Mr. ROCKEFELLER and has the highest regard for him. He stated that during the past 15 years his association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER has been very close and that he and Mr. ROCKEFELLER have exchanged house visits on many occasions.

Mr. FORD stated that he has had no personal financial transactions with Mr. ROCKEFELLER; however, he stated that the Ford Motor Company has engaged in business transactions in the State of New York while Mr. ROCKEFELLER was Governor of New York State.

Mr. FORD stated that he regards Mr. ROCKEFELLER as a man of the highest integrity and that Mr. ROCKEFELLER "is my first choice for the office of Vice President". Mr. FORD stated, "I am aware of no skeletons in his closet", elaborating to indicate that he knows of no information that in any way would adversely affect the suitability of Mr. ROCKEFELLER to serve effectively as Vice President of the United States.

In conclusion, Mr. FORD highly recommended Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

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Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

EDGAR B. SPEER, Chairman, U. S. Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., recommends the nominee.

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DETAILS:

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

On August 28, 1974, Mr. EDGAR B. SPEER, Chairman, United States Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised he has known the nominee for approximately seven or eight years as a business acquaintance. Mr. SPEER advised he has attended some social functions with the ROCKEFELLER family, but had not been a member of their immediate party. He has visited the home of the nominee on one occasion and has met Mrs. ROCKEFELLER on several occasions. Mr. SPEER advised he considers the nominee to possess unquestionable honesty and integrity and he has an excellent reputation among members of the business community. His character, and associates are above reproach, and he is a loyal citizen of the United States. Mr. SPEER advised he feels the nominee has excellent leadership qualities and has the ability to analyze a problem

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thoroughly and is not adverse to seeking advice from others in arriving at a decision. Mr. SPEER stated the nominee has always exercised good judgment in any dealings that Mr. SPEER has had with him. He feels the nominee has the requisite qualities to fill the position for which he has been nominated. Mr. SPEER advised he knows of nothing in the nominee's background which would preclude him from accepting this position and feels the nominee would be able to make a very significant contribution to our society.

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Report of: SA JOHN R. DOYLE, JR. Office: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Date: 8/29/74

Field Office File #: 161-2182 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Close associates and business acquaintances recommend.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] and GORDON GRAY were interviewed by SA [redacted]. Senator EDMUND S. MUSKIE was interviewed by SA JAMES V. GIBBONS. THOMAS THATCHER was interviewed by SA [redacted] [redacted]. b6 b7C

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CLOSE ASSOCIATES

On August 27, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley and Ketchum, 100 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he first became acquainted with nominee at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, where they were classmates from 1926 to 1930. He related that he has maintained contact with the nominee on a social basis in connection with their mutual interests in Dartmouth College and the Class of 1930. He said that nominee is an outstanding person in every way and dedicated to the welfare of the United States. He stated that the nominee is of outstanding character, reputation, and associates and is completely loyal to the United States. He advised that he knows of nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the nominee. b6 b7C

He concluded by stating that he recommends the nominee without reservation for the position of Vice President of the United States, adding he believes President FORD made a superb selection.

On August 27, 1974, Mr. [redacted] was contacted at Seal Harbor, Maine, and advised that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1929, and is a close personal associate. Mr. [redacted] is an architect with offices at 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and advised he was the architect for the Rockefeller Center in New York City and also the United Nations building. He stated that the nominee is a capable, industrious, and loyal individual of outstanding ability and he highly recommended him for consideration as Vice-President of the United States. b6 b7C

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BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCES

On August 27, 1974, Mr. GORDON GRAY, former Secretary of the Army, was contacted at Northeast Harbor, Maine. He advised he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER since 1947, and that he has been associated with him in various Government positions since that time. For the past three years, he has served with NELSON ROCKEFELLER on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. He considers the nominee a person of outstanding ability, untiring energy, unquestionable loyalty to the United States Government, and an individual of great integrity who possesses an excellent character. He recommended the nominee without any reservation for the position of Vice President of the United States.

EDMUND S. MUSKIE, United States Senator from the State of Maine, Democrat, furnished the following information when interviewed at his residence at Kennebunk, Maine, on August 28, 1974:

For about the past year and a half, he has had a close association with NELSON ROCKEFELLER as he, MUSKIE, was Vice Chairman of the National Commission on Water Quality of which commission ROCKEFELLER is Chairman.

Through this contact, he has become well acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and has found him to be a man with a strong personality. He has demonstrated that he is an excellent administrator and an outstanding leader. In directing the activities of the commission, he has been receptive to views which were contrary to his own, but insisted that these views be fully presented and established as a better procedure before he would modify his viewpoint.

His leadership of the commission has been healthy, strong, fair, understanding, non-partisan, and impartial. He has demonstrated that he is a man of honor and integrity. Senator MUSKIE advised that his impressions of ROCKEFELLER from this personal contact on the commission have been extremely favorable in all respects. He stated that he expects to consider other attributes of ROCKEFELLER during the confirmation procedure.

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Mr. THOMAS THATCHER, Dodgewood Road, New York, New York 10471, was contacted at his summer residence on Deacon Brown's Point, North Haven, Maine, on August 29, 1974, and advised that he first met Governor ROCKEFELLER in 1959 shortly after ROCKEFELLER took office. He advised that he had known the ROCKEFELLER family for a considerable period prior to that time, but had never personally met ROCKEFELLER until he was summoned to the Governor's Mansion, and requested by Governor ROCKEFELLER to take the position of New York State Superintendent of Insurance. Mr. THATCHER stated that he accepted that position and so served for a period of approximately four and one-half years or until mid-1963. He stated that he has the highest opinion of the nominee's ability, character, reputation, and loyalty to the best interests of the United States, and would strongly urge his confirmation as Vice-President to the Congress of the United States.

Mr. THATCHER stated that he knows of absolutely no facts which would reflect unfavorably upon the nominee in connection with the confirmation proceedings. Mr. THATCHER stated that shortly after his accession to the job of State Superintendent of Insurance, a petition was filed with the State Insurance Commission by insurance companies underwriting automobile insurance in the State of New York for rate increases. Mr. THATCHER pointed out that for several years prior to this time, the administration of Governor ROCKEFELLER's predecessor, Governor AVERILL HARRIMAN, had strongly resisted rate increase requests by automobile insurance underwriters. Mr. THATCHER stated that automobile insurance rate increases were a sensitive political issue in New York State and had been avoided for a number of years and were, in fact, overdue.

Mr. THATCHER further stated that automobile insurance underwriters had filed suit against the State Insurance Commission in New York State and had obtained a decision in their favor from the New York State Court of Appeals. He stated then upon his accession to the office of Superintendent of Insurance, this rate increase petition was resubmitted to him by automobile insurance underwriters and that his entire staff, based upon actuarial studies, had concluded that the rate increases were entirely warranted and were granted.

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Mr. THATCHER stated that he does not know the exact size of the rate increase, but doubted that it was, in fact, an increase of 33 per cent.

Mr. THATCHER stated that while he may have notified the Office of the Governor of his decision as Superintendent of Insurance to grant the rate increases, he never, in fact, discussed this issue with the Governor and never was placed in the position of requesting the Governor's approval for such a rate increase.

Mr. THATCHER stated that he is unaware of the financial holdings of Governor ROCKEFELLER or any member of the ROCKEFELLER family and does not know whether he holds stock in companies which write automobile insurance policies or whether any companies with which he is closely connected may own stock in such companies. He stated, therefore, that he wished to go on record that any allegation that Governor ROCKEFELLER directed that rates be raised on automobile insurance policies in the State of New York thereby benefiting himself financially is, in fact, absolutely erroneous and without foundation.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-29-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
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Reference is made to my previous memoranda with regard to the interview of Dr. James S. Murphy, former husband of Governor Rockefeller's wife, Happy.

It is noted that Governor Rockefeller has advised that he and Mrs. Rockefeller have no objection to an interview with Dr. Murphy. He stated, however, he would like to be contacted beforehand so he could have Mrs. Rockefeller advise Dr. Murphy that the FBI plans to interview him. On 8-27-74 Supervisor John Warren in New York was advised by Governor Rockefeller's attorney, Robert R. Douglass, that Governor Rockefeller had pointed out that Dr. Murphy was then at his, Murphy's, summer home in Seal Harbor, Maine, where he is a neighbor of the Rockefellers. Governor Rockefeller pointed out that Seal Harbor is a very small place and said he would appreciate it if we would defer any interview with [redacted] until after Labor Day, 9-2-74, when Dr. Murphy will return to his permanent residence in New York City.

Supervisor Warren has advised that on the evening of 8-28-74 he was telephonically contacted by Douglass who was then in New York City. Douglass told him Governor Rockefeller had advised that the interview with Dr. Murphy can be conducted by the FBI without first having Mrs. Rockefeller notify Dr. Murphy that we plan to interview him. Governor Rockefeller still prefers that Dr. Murphy be interviewed following the latter's return to New York City after Labor Day, according to Douglass.

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Supervisor Warren was instructed to immediately take the necessary steps through Dr. Murphy's New York City office to arrange an interview with Dr. Murphy immediately upon his return to New York City from Seal Harbor, Maine.

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1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
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FROM BOSTON (161-2182)

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKERFELLER; SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE TO BOSTON.

MARY ~~TODD HUNTER~~ Todhunter Clark ROCKERFELLER, NORTHEAST HARBOR, MAINE, WAS INFORMED BY SA [redacted] THAT THE APPOINTEE IS HONORING HER REQUEST ANF THEIR AGREEMENT THAT FINANCIAL ARRANGMENTS BETWEEN THEM IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR DIVORCE WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE OR DEVULGED TO ANYONE INCLUDING THE FBI. MRS. ROCKERFELLER ADVISED THAT SHE MARRIED THE APPOINTEE 6/23/30 AND WAS DIVORCED FROM HIM IN 3/62. SHE STATED SHE CONSIDERS THET APPOINTEE A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, OF UNQUESTIONABLE LOYALTY, ONE WHO ASSOCIATES WITH PERSONS OF GOOD REPUTATION AND HIGH INTEGRITY. SHE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE A PERSON OF OUTSTANDING ABILITY AND RECOMMENDS HIM FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM NEWARK (161-2191) (RUC)

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND NEWARK, DATED 8/26/74.
WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED 8/23/74.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE [redacted] FAMILY AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF ROCKEFELLER'S, HAY-MEADOW, ROSEMONT, N.J., REVEALED THAT [redacted] IS CURRENTLY VISITING RELATIVES AT [redacted], [redacted], ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted].

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REFERENCED TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 23, 1974, PROVIDES NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR CHICAGO. CHICAGO REQUESTED TO CONTACT [redacted] FOR APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW.

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FROM NEW YORK 161-2961 2P

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE, AUGUST 28, 1974.

GENERAL COUNSEL, MIKE WHITEMAN, GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S COUNSEL WHEN GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, CONTACTED DAN HOLLMAN, FORMER CHIEF OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT STRIKE FORCE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, SOMETIME DURING 1971 - 1972, IN REGARD TO REFUSAL OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S NYC OFFICE TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION CONCERNING GOVERNOR'S DIARY FOR A DAY IN QUESTION PLUS ANY PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN THAT DATE WHICH WAS REQUESTED BY LIAM COONAN FOR USE IN A NARCOTICS TRIAL, US VERSUS [redacted], ET AL. WHITEMAN ALLEGEDLY TOLD HOLLMAN THAT LACK OF COOPERATION WAS MISUNDERSTANDING DUE TO BREAKDOWN OF COMMUNICATION AND SAID DESIRED DOCUMENTS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. PHOTOGRAPHS MADE AVAILABLE SHOWED GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER AND [redacted] TOGETHER ON DAY IN QUESTION.

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COONAN SAID HE IS CONVINCED BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT [redacted] b6 b7C AND ROCKEFELLER WERE TOGETHER BY HAPPENSTANCE AND OF POLITICAL NATURE DUE TO [redacted] BEING PRESIDENT OF LOCAL BARBER'S UNION AND EXECUTIVE OF ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE.

ALBANY OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW GENERAL COUNSEL MIKE WHITEMAN, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] b6 b7C, REGARDING ABOVE.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Atlanta, Georgia b6 b7C
Date: August 30, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-887 Bureau File #:

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, advised his opposition to contractual awards to the Electronic Data Systems Corporation, operated by H. ROSS PEROT, was based on previous uncompleted work by the City of New York to include City of New York welfare in New York state-wide welfare system, and the high cost of Electronic Data Systems Corporation services. Nominee, at that time Governor of New York, allowed H. ROSS PEROT, operator of Electronic Data Systems Corporation, to bid for state contracts after bidding closed. New York State contractual procedure not adhered to by nominee, apparently only out of desire to expeditiously complete integration of New York City Medicaid and Welfare system into state-wide system. Investigation conducted by GEORGE BERLINGER, New York State Welfare Inspector General, exonerated all parties of any wrongdoing, and report of investigation may have stated that state procedure not adhered to, according to [redacted] advised ROCKEFELLER politically untainted to his knowledge, unimpeachable character, loyalty, and associates. ROCKEFELLER possesses outstanding executive ability to get any job done, and [redacted] advises, in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER good choice for position to which nominated. b6 b7C

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DETAILS: On August 30, 1974, [redacted], Room 207, City Hall, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER is a fine public servant with whom he had political difficulties in the past during the time he [redacted] was New York City Human Resources Administrator and nominee was Governor of New York State. Their difficulties revolved around welfare contracts awarded Texas millionaire H. ROBB PEROT. b6 b7C

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During the period of their difficulties, there was a plan in the Governor's Office to institute a New York State-wide welfare system, which would streamline all welfare in New York State and would include the Medicaid and welfare system in New York City. New York City Mayor JOHN LINDSAY and [redacted] were opposed to such contracts primarily on the basis that there was already under study by the City of New York a plan to include New York City Medicaid and welfare programs into such a state-wide system. LINDSAY and [redacted] did not wish the nearly completed work to be wasted by the award of contracts to H. ROSS PEROT for the Electronic Data Systems Corporation or any other firm. The first contract was to be a feasibility study for the evalutaion of New York City's capacity to participate in such a state-wide welfare plan, and the second contract was for the preparation and design of such a plan and subsequent institution of the plan. b6 b7C

Under the State procedures, a list of approximately 50 firms was compiled as bidders for the above contracts, which included H. ROSS PEROT's firm. PEROT's firm was subsequently eliminated from the list of bidders after it had been narrowed down to a remaining few firms, but Governor ROCKEFELLER intervened on behalf of PEROT after the bidding was closed, allowing him to make a subsequent proposal, and PEROT was, thereafter, awarded the contracts.

It is [redacted] feeling that no campaign contributions or any other improprieties were involved in the bidding. [redacted] stated that H. ROSS PEROT is a dynamic salesman and and probably convinced NELSON ROCKEFELLER, an individual impatient to get the job done as completely, efficiently, and rapidly as possible, that his firm was the best firm to do the job. [redacted] stated that certainly the Electronic Data Systems Corporation does a good job, but that his objection was based on the high cost of that firm's services and the fact that Electronic Data Systems Corporation, a large conglomerate, has a cost accounting structure which makes it virtually impossible to determine exact costs for all services rendered. b6 b7C

AT 161-887

As a result of allegations and charges made in the news media, Governor ROCKEFELLER called for an investigation to be conducted by GEORGE BERLINGER, New York State Welfare Inspector General, charging him to "find out if anything was wrong with the contractual award procedure and the motivation of those individuals who were attacking the State's position in that matter". The investigation resulted in a report from BERLINGER's office, stating that nothing was wrong. [redacted] b6 b7C stated that the report may have said that the State did not follow its own procedures in the bidding.

[redacted] stated it is his opinion that the incident b6 b7C was purely a political battle between the City of New York and the Governor's Office, and noted that as a result, PEROT was awarded the contracts on the feasibility study and plan design for the integration of New York City welfare into the state-wide system. At that point in the negotiations, [redacted] left the City of New York to come to his present position in Atlanta, Georgia, and NELSON ROCKEFELLER left the Governor's Office. [redacted] does not know the status of the actual plan to integrate the welfare system of the City of New York into the state-wide system.

[redacted] stated he does not think any venality was b6 b7C involved on ROCKEFELLER's part in the contractual award to PEROT, and he stated, to his knowledge, ROCKEFELLER is completely untainted in his political dealings and is an individual of unimpeachable character, loyalty, and associates. ROCKEFELLER possesses outstanding executive ability to get any job done and [redacted] advised, in his opinion, ROCKEFELLER is a good choice for the position to which he has been nominated.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-30-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth the scope of the planned audit by the FBI of the nominee's finances. Information has been received that the Congressional Committees will have a team of 20 investigators in New York, including 6 local Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agents to conduct their review. The only information currently available is that they have a deadline of 10/15/74 and apparently plan to conduct a complete audit of the nominee's 1972 and 1973 Federal income tax returns. They will be furnished with copies of material requested by the FBI and at this point the only other material they have requested would be furnished with his cash-flow statement for the period 1/1/68 to 12/31/73. This type statement shows details concerning the receipt and disposition of cash. The purpose of such a statement is unknown; however, it is a consensus of opinion that the committee is looking for unreported income. We will be furnished with a copy of the cash-flow statement and will make a determination at that time whether any auditing procedures will be employed. We have been assured by both Robert Douglass, the nominee's principal aide, and Samuel Gillespie, attorney representing the nominee, that we will be kept abreast of the audit being conducted by the Congressional team and furnished with copies of all material furnished to them. The representatives of the nominee are aware that our report is going to The White House and they desire that it be completely comprehensive.

There is attached herewith a photocopy listing of material requested from the nominee during his interview on 8/22/74 which was specifically requested again from his representatives in New York City who were furnished a copy of the attached. In addition, not set forth was the request that the nominee furnish a response to the charges set forth in the "Liberty Lobby"

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1 - Mr. Callahan
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1 - Mr. Gebhardt (Attention: Mr. Long)
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman

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advertisement which appeared in the "Washington Evening Star." The nominee and his staff were also advised that if they cared to furnish any plans they had concerning any changes that will be employed by the nominee in handling his finances should he become Vice President, this information would be set forth in the FBI report for information purposes.

The FBI audit will be conducted for the overall purpose of determining the current estimated net worth of the nominee, any and all sources of income, the identification of his holdings and any areas of the business community that he may possibly control as well as any indication of possible conflicts of interest that may exist.

The principle statement requested is the Statement of Net Worth. This should set forth cost figures as well as current market values where available for all assets of the nominee. The statement should have accompanying detailed listings identifying assets with their location and any incumbrances that exist. The audit procedures employed here will be the verification of the items set forth as was done in the review of the President's similar statement. Specific audit results will be set forth in the investigative report.

The statement of income for 1973 will be reviewed and items set forth will be tested and traced to supporting ledgers and documentation as well as verification in certain instances with outside sources. It is expected that the main item set forth will be income from a trust not owned by the nominee but held by the Chase Manhattan Bank from which he receives $4 million each year.

Authority has been requested to permit Chase Manhattan to furnish the FBI a complete listing of the holdings of the trust with any indication of businesses controlled for the purpose of determining if any conflicts of interest may exist. The bank will also be requested to verify the income listed as having been received by the nominee's books and records. Also, a complete description of the nominee's role with regard to all trusts will be determined and set forth in the investigative report.

Tax returns have already been reviewed and summarized for the FBI investigative report. However, these returns are not being audited as apparently will be done by the Congressional Committee which has six IRS agents on their team. The FBI report will set forth the tax return information in the same way it was presented in the President's investigation. Consideration will be given to the clear indication that these returns were not audited as information will be set forth as to the date of the last audit conducted by IRS and any pending matters that currently exist as furnished by the nominee's staff. In addition, the contact with headquarters, IRS, concerning the status of the nominee's taxes will also be set forth. The problem the FBI is faced here is that we be in a position to show in our report that we are not accepting responsibility for conducting a detailed tax audit. Our purpose is to set forth any unusual items or items that we feel may be of interest to The White House. Also, the tax returns are a source of assets that may not be set forth on the Statement of Net Worth furnished by the nominee.

The FBI audit will also set forth the role the nominee plays in the handling of his funds which should be of interest to The White House.

All the information requested on the accompanying statement will be set forth in the FBI report as well as any verification or leads set forth to determine background information and descriptive data for business interest or positions he may hold.

The FBI report will set forth a description of the financial holdings and interest of the nominee's wife. It is planned and authority has been requested to obtain details of her trust holdings. The overall purpose of this review will be to show the nature of the holdings portraying any conflict of interest that may exist.

In addition, the nominee's staff has advised they will furnish the FBI with detailed information of the nature and holdings of trusts for each of his children as well as a description of any role held by the nominee. Authority has been requested to contact the trustees for the purpose of verifying these trust holdings;

however, no figures, dollar or quantity, nor individual children will be set forth in the FBI report.

ACTION:

That the Bureau approve the aforementioned scope of the FBI audit to be conducted of the nominee's finances.

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In connection with the review of the finances of Nelson A. Rockefeller by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the following information would be desirable and has been requested, if available:

1) A statement of net worth based on cost information with current market values set forth, where available. The items appearing on this statement should be supported by accompanying detailed statements specifically identifying holdings and their location. The statements should have qualifying notes showing trusts not owned but from which Mr. Rockefeller receives income. The make-up of such an entity should also be provided.

Real estate holdings should be listed into any encumbrances that exist for the specific property set forth. The accompanying notes should describe any assets not owned but are available for use by Mr. Rockefeller. Any information not specifically requested which would add to the further understanding of Mr. Rockefeller's current net worth and financial interests should also be set forth.

2) A detailed Statement of Income for each of the past ten years setting forth any and all sources of income. Where income is received from trusts or a similar entity, the make-up of same should be set forth, if not already described in the accompanying notes to the Statement of Net Worth. A similar statement should be prepared for the current year, 1974, as of a current recent date.

3) Copies of tax returns for Federal, State and City income taxes for each of the past ten years. Copies of Revenue Agents Reports for each year audited by the Internal Revenue Service and information concerning litigation disputes presently being negotiated.

4) A listing of all positions currently held by Mr. Rockefeller of a business nature, such as member of a board of directors or official of any business enterprise. Include descriptions of the business involved. Identify any positions that have been discontinued during the past six months.

5) Identify any interests that Mr. Rockefeller currently has that may involve government business or regulatory agency.

6) Identify any current business interest, business transaction or any other matters that could be of concern.

7) A summary of foreign income taxes paid during the past ten years.

8) A description of and access to financial statements maintained for political campaigns conducted during the past ten years.

9) Identify any business partners, co-owners or members of joint ventures with Mr. Rockefeller along with a description of the business involved.

10) A brief summary and description of the financial holdings and interests of Mrs. Margaretta Rockefeller.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-30-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
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John Warren, Supervisor in the New York Office, advised 8-30-74, that in their efforts to locate and interview Mrs. Mary Rockefeller, divorced wife of Nelson Rockefeller, her attorney, Whitney North Seymour, Sr., was contacted. He advised he was not aware that Mary Rockefeller had returned to the United States from Europe, although he has been in contact with one of Mr. Rockefeller's attorneys regarding the obtaining of a waiver from Mary Rockefeller for the Bureau to review the sealed divorce record in Nevada. He said this matter has not been resolved but that for the Bureau's information he was Mary Rockefeller's attorney during the divorce action. He said that the divorce transcript actually contains only "Reno formality" type information and in his opinion will be of no value to this investigation. He said that the waiver, if obtained from Mrs. Rockefeller to review these records, will be limited to a review of the transcript testimony and in line with Governor Rockefeller's previous request will not allow for disclosure of the financial settlement given Mrs. Rockefeller.

Information has been received from Mrs. Mary Rockefeller's secretary that she is now at North East Harbor, Maine, which is about five miles from Seal Harbor. She will not return to New York City until September 10, 1974.

The Boston Office was instructed to locate and interview Mary Rockefeller, if possible, this afternoon. They were told, of course, that at this point she should not be requested for a waiver since this was a matter being worked out by the attorneys for Mary Rockefeller and Nelson Rockefeller. Information has now been received from the Boston Office that Mary Rockefeller will be available at 6 p.m. today and she will be interviewed at that time.

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A meeting was held with Samuel Gillespie, attorney representing the nominee, in the offices of the Rockefeller family in New York City late Wednesday, 8-28-74. Mr. Gillespie advised that he would make available on Thursday morning, financial records for election campaigns that the nominee had participated in since 1964 as well as copies of state and city income tax returns. Mr. Gillespie stated that working space would be made available on a lower floor in the Rockefeller Center for FBI personnel. He stated that the financial statements requested by the FBI were not as yet ready. He stated that the financial statements were being reworked as he had erroneously previously advised that Mr. Rockefeller had approved the statements in Bar Harbor, Maine, but this was not correct. He apologized and stated that the nominee was concerned about the form of the statements prepared for presentation to the FBI and felt that there was widespread interest in the statements and that he was determined that they should be presented in the best possible form. He suggested that some changes should be made and these changes were being reworked into the statements. Mr. Gillespie hoped that the financial statements requested for the FBI would be ready sometime Thursday or Friday and that as soon as they were ready they would be forwarded or made available for review.

There is attached herewith a short summary of information set forth on the tax returns of the nominee that had been made available previously for review. The form of the attached statement will be used in the investigative report which will be prepared for the review of the nominee's finances.

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

Prior to the meeting with Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Robert Douglass, an attorney representing the nominee, was met in the hallway of the offices of the Rockefeller family and he advised SA Joseph E. Henehan that every effort was being made to complete and make available all the information requested by the FBI and others. Mr. Douglass advised that SA Henehan should be reassured that the FBI would be advised and furnished with all information furnished to Congressional Committees, GAO, and anyone else involved with the review of the nominee's finances so as to insure that the FBI had a complete picture for furnishing to The White House.

Mr. Douglass did not participate in the subsequent meeting that took place with Samuel Gillespie.

Also covered in the meeting with Mr. Gillespie was the fact that Washington Field Office had reviewed property records for the house at [redacted] in Washington, D. C., and had determined that it had been listed in the name of [redacted]. Gillespie stated that [redacted] was a member of the legal firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy and he had no idea why this property was listed in Mr. [redacted] name as he had visited the property and was under the impression that it was owned by Mr. Rockefeller. He stated he would determine why Mr. [redacted] was listed as the owner. SA Henehan advised the FBI would like to know any and all properties owned by Mr. Rockefeller that are listed in the name of anyone other than himself. b6 b7C

ACTION: For information.

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REVIEW OF UNITED STATES INDIVIDUAL INCOME
TAX RETURNS FOR

NELSON A. AND MARGARETTA F. ROCKEFELLER
ROOM 5600 - 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10020

1964 - 1973

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Copies of 1964 - 1973 Federal Income Tax Returns for Nelson A. and Margaretta F. Rockefeller were made available by Samuel Gillespie, Attorney, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and Mc Cloy, Room 5600, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, to Special Agents Joseph E. Henehan and Robert P. Keehan on August 26, 1974. These returns were reviewed on August 27 - 28, 1974, by Special Agents Henehan, Keehan, [redacted]

The results of this review are summarized below by totals and then by individual years. Since the most recent information is in the 1973 return, the summary for this year and each year prior will be set out in reverse chronological order.

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Year	Name or Joint Return	Total Income	Taxable Income (Loss)	Total Tax
1964	Nelson A.	$4,974,906	$2,378,194	$1,693,896
1964	Margaretta F.	118,592	74,721	39,248
1965	Nelson A.	5,096,355	2,700,903	1,854,691
1965	Margaretta F.	137,156	117,798	66,578
1966	Nelson A.	5,280,729	2,429,598	1,676,793
1966	Margaretta F.	133,930	74,863	38,400
1967	Joint Return	5,560,146	2,627,253	1,677,363
1968	Joint Return	5,317,546	1,880,223	1,150,425
1969	Joint Return	3,914,401	819,239	566,867
1970	Joint Return	2,443,703	(222,933)	- 0 -
1971	Joint Return	3,985,920	1,382,734	909,770
1971	Joint Return - Deferable Foreign Income	74,842	-	-
1972	Joint Return	5,109,773	1,336,003	903,757
1972	Joint Return - Deferable Foreign Income	14,984	-	-
1973	Joint Return	4,810,873	1,150,785	758,369
1973	Joint Return - Deferable Foreign Income	51,088	-	-

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

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FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

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Deputy Attorney General Silberman and his assistant, [redacted] were both in contact with me the morning of August 30, 1974, to try to get a fixed date as to when we would complete all phases, including the financial aspect, of the investigation, of the captioned nominee. They were also anxious to know whether or not we would assign sufficient personnel to all facets of this investigation to complete it within a 30-day period. b6 b7C

I advised both Silberman and [redacted] that as previously informed, the bulk of the investigation on the nominee would be forwarded to the Attorney General on September 3, with the exception of the financial aspect thereof. I pointed out that we have not yet received the financial information and statements we need on which to make an estimate of manpower needs and time consumed to conclude this phase of the investigation. I stated however that upon its receipt our staff has been instructed to give a best estimate of completion time and also instructions have been issued to assign whatever personnel assistance is necessary to bring this matter to a conclusion at the earliest possible time without sacrificing the thoroughness which this investigation must receive. b6 b7C

I advised them that I could not guarantee that the investigation would be completed within a 30-day period, but assured them we would make every effort to have it done at the earliest possible moment and would assign whatever personnel is necessary to accomplish this.

Silberman asked to be advised after we receive the financial material necessary and our best estimate at that time of an approximate completion date.

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I pointed out to Silberman that our staff in New York working on these matters with the Rockefeller personnel were receiving excellent co-operation and the problem seemed to be getting approval from the Vice President on the material contained in the financial statements. I pointed out also we were having to wait until Tuesday, September 3, to interview Mr. Rockefeller with regard to some matters that have arisen during the course of the investigation to date. Mr. Silberman wanted to know if pressure from the White House to Mr. Rockefeller to make himself more readily available would be of assistance in this matter. I pointed out that that was a matter for he and the White House to determine. In conclusion I pointed out to Silberman for his own information the fact that our staff in New York had learned that the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue was sending a 20-man squad to New York to reaudit and reexamine the 1972 and 1973 tax returns of the nominee and that they were working with a deadline of October 15, 1974. I pointed out to Silberman that we would not be influenced by this deadline inasmuch as we wished as much as he to complete this investigation at the earliest possible time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted], b6 b7C
dated 8/26/74 at Buffalo.
Bureau telephone call to Buffalo, dated 8/29/74.
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report overlaps that of referenced report in order to include investigation conducted during the investigative period of referenced report.

By referenced telephone call, the Bureau requested additional investigation in this matter, clarification of investigation covered in referenced report and submission of a report containing pertinent newspaper articles as pages in the details. The newspaper articles from the Buffalo Evening News and the Courier Express, Buffalo, New York, were originally obtained by SA [redacted] on 8/22/74, and copies of these same articles were obtained on 8/29/74 by SA [redacted] and SA CHARLES B. WAGNER at the Buffalo Evening News and the Courier Express, respectively. The newspaper articles from the Gannett News Library, Rochester, New York, and from the Times Union newspaper were originally obtained on 8/23/74 by SA [redacted] and copies of these same articles were obtained on 8/29/74 by SA [redacted] It is noted that original newspapers were unavailable and copies furnished by the newspapers were not of the best quality.

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On August 29, 1974, Mrs. [redacted], Niagara Falls, New York, advised SA [redacted] that her husband, New York State Senator LLOYD H. PATERSON, is touring Ireland on a charter flight which will return to the U. S. at Buffalo International Airport, Cheektowaga, New York on September 11, 1974, and that Mr. PATERSON will return home on that date. She commented that neither she nor her husband know nominee and that they have had no personal contact with nominee. She said that Mr. PATERSON would be unable to furnish any information concerning nominee from personal knowledge and that she does not believe that Mr. PATERSON would be able to furnish any kind of pertinent information at all regarding nominee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE, cont'd.

On 8/29/74, Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C to Mr. HENRY Z. URBAN, Publisher, Buffalo Evening News, 1 News Plaza, Buffalo, New York, advised SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND that URBAN has been news publisher for two weeks and was elevated to that position following the death of former publisher recently, Mrs. EDWARD H. BUTLER.

[redacted] b6 b7C said URBAN is personally acquainted with nominee ROCKEFELLER, however, is not available for interview until 9/4/74, since he is out of town on family vacation, present address St. Maurice Fish & Game Club, La Tuque, Quebec, Canada, c/o Wickwire Camp on Lake.

She advised Vice President WILLIAM FOLLIS, who was formerly Assistant Treasurer until recent elevation to present position, might be acquainted with ROCKEFELLER, however, she is not certain. He is unavailable for interview until 9/3/74, and is out of town until that time, present address White Face Inn, Lake Placid, New York, where he is currently attending a New York State Publishers Convention.

She recommended interview with Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C Secretary and Chief Legal Officer, as an individual who might possibly be acquainted with ROCKEFELLER and who is currently available. [redacted] was interviewed on 8/29/74, and the results are contained in the details of this report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: Buffalo, New York b6 b7C
Date: 8/30/74

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Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Members of the New York State Legislature, the Sheriff of Monroe County, Rochester, New York, and officials of major newspapers at Buffalo and Rochester, New York, were interviewed and all commented favorably in regard to nominee's character, loyalty and abilities. Newspaper articles from daily newspapers at Buffalo and Rochester concerning nominee's ownership of property in Venezuela; nominee's handling of the prison rebellion at Attica Correctional Facility, Attica, New York, in September 1971; nominee's campaign contributions and campaign spending; and nominee's awarding of New York State contracts to a computer firm are set forth.

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I. INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CHARLES B. WAGNER in Buffalo, New York, on August 29, 1974:

Mr. STEPHEN R. GRECO, New York State Assemblyman, 142nd Assembly District, Buffalo, New York, advised that he is a member of the Democratic Party and advised that in his opinion, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER is a fine man of excellent character, whose honesty is beyond question. He maintains only the highest possible integrity. GRECO advised that he has known the nominee for 16 years when both of them were elected in the same year, that being 1958. At that point, Mr. ROCKEFELLER was elected as the Governor of the State of New York, and Mr. GRECO as a Legislator in the New York State Assembly. He advised his contact with the nominee has been on both a personal and professional basis and he cannot speak highly enough of him. Mr. GRECO stated that to his knowledge, the nominee's associates are all of similarly fine upstanding character, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER's reputation is considered excellent. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER has always been sympathetic to the problems of the working people and he has proven that in his administration and its policies.

Mr. GRECO advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty is absolutely unquestionable and he knows of no involvement on the part of the nominee in anything that could be considered illegal or unethical. He advised the nominee has taken a strong stand against discriminatory policies and he believes he has been most fair with all groups. He knows of no derogatory information regarding the nominee whatsoever. There has never been any indication of a scandal in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's personal or professional life; and GRECO stated that he has very definite ability to be the Vice President of the United States. He stated that, in fact, Mr. ROCKEFELLER is probably the single best qualified man in the country for this position.

Mr. GRECO advised that in his opinion, the nominee is a humble, warm individual who has the ability to understand any problem regardless of its nature, and he is an excellent administrator.

Mr. GRECO advised that he would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States without question or reservation.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 29, 1974:

DON W. COOK, [redacted], Rochester, New York, New York State Assemblyman, 135th District, advised he has been acquainted with nominee for about eight years during COOK's period of membership in the New York State Legislature. b6 b7C

Mr. COOK said he believes nominee to be extremely capable, of the highest moral character and integrity, and a loyal, patriotic citizen. He said nominee is very strong in his opinions and does not hesitate to speak out. He said he is very pleased that nominee would be considered for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 30, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. CHESTER R. HARDT, Republican, 107 Oak Grove Drive, Williamsville, New York, advised as follows:

Mr. HARDT was formerly a New York State Assemblyman from 1965 until he resigned on May 29, 1974. He is now employed by the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority, Statler Hilton Hotel, Buffalo, New York.

Mr. HARDT has known nominee since 1965 and has associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis through the New York State Legislature and socially at political events. Nominee previously appointed Mr. HARDT to the position of Chairman of the New York State Drug Commission.

Mr. HARDT stated that nominee's character, moral standards, integrity and honesty are above reproach and that nominee enjoys an excellent reputation in government and political circles. Mr. HARDT described nominee as a tireless individual who applies himself vigorously toward projects in the best interests of the public. Mr. HARDT said that he has never known nominee to display any form of discrimination and has never known nominee to do anything unethical or illegal in politics, government or business.

Mr. HARDT commented that nominee has clearly demonstrated his exceptional abilities as a leader who can implement new ideas and who can work well with other people. Mr. HARDT advised that he had sent a letter to President FORD prior to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's nomination, urging the President to nominate Mr. ROCKEFELLER as Vice President.

Mr. HARDT recommended nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States without reservation.

II. INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIAL

On August 22, 1974, Sheriff WILLIAM LOMBARD, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Rochester, New York, advised Special Agent EUGENE A. HEVERON that he was formerly the Chief of Police with the Rochester, New York Police Department. He advised that since approximately 1962 he has had occasion to attend law enforcement functions and conferences wherein the nominee had been in attendance as a speaker. Other than through these conferences he has had no association with former Governor ROCKEFELLER and has not been acquainted with him beyond this. He stated that he is aware of no information of an unfavorable nature in regard to the nominee either as an individual or as a politician and statesman.

III. INTERVIEWS WITH NEWSPAPER OFFICIALS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 29, 1974: b6 b7C

Mr. WILLIAM J. CONNERS, III, President and Publisher, The Courier Express Newspaper, 785 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, advised as follows:

CONNERS has known the nominee approximately two to three years and has met with him approximately two or three times when nominee visited the Courier Express building on his campaign tours to explain his policies. Mr. CONNERS advised he thinks very highly of the nominee, he feels nominee is well qualified for the position of Vice President and he would not hesitate to recommend nominee for such a position.

Mr. CONNERS also advised that he does not know the nominee on a social basis and feels that he cannot make a statement concerning nominee's character and associates, but he did advise that he has heard nothing unfavorable concerning nominee and believes nominee is a loyal American citizen.

Mr. RICHARD C. LYONS, JR., General Manager and Secretary, The Courier Express Newspaper, 785 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for approximately 11 years and first made nominee's acquaintance when LYONS was a member of the New York State Publishers Association and they entertained for the Governor and his cabinet in Albany, New York. Mr. LYONS advised he knows nothing unfavorable concerning nominee's character or associates and he knows nothing concerning nominee's affiliations in clubs, organizations or his business dealings. LYONS advised that nominee is well qualified for the position of Vice President as the nominee has the capacity and intelligence for the position. LYONS also advised that he does not know the nominee's family. LYONS further advised that he would not hesitate to recommend nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

Mr. [redacted], Treasurer, The Courier Express Newspaper, 785 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, advised that b6 b7C

he has known the nominee for approximately ten years on a business level but does not know nominee socially. Mr. [redacted] advised that nominee is a man of great capacity and intelligence. [redacted] advised that he is aware of nothing that would reflect on nominee's character and associates. [redacted] advised he believes the nominee to be a loyal American with his sympathies and allegiance only to the United States. b6 b7C

[redacted] also advised he knows nothing and has heard nothing concerning the nominee's affiliations in any clubs, organizations or business dealings. [redacted] believes the nominee to be honest and trustworthy. b6 b7C

[redacted] also advised the nominee has the ability and is well qualified for the position of Vice President of the United States, and he would not hesitate to recommend him for the position. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND on August 29, 1974, in Buffalo, New York:

Mr. [redacted] Secretary and Chief Legal Officer, The Buffalo Evening News, 1 News Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14240, advised he has been affiliated with this newspaper for about twenty years, however, has never met NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, former Governor of New York State and now nominee for Vice President of the U. S. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he does not feel qualified to comment concerning ROCKEFELLER's qualifications and abilities, since he is not personally acquainted with ROCKEFELLER. He feels citizens of the U. S. should strongly support ROCKEFELLER since President GERALD FORD has seen fit to nominate ROCKEFELLER for that position. [redacted] stated he has never had any information come to his attention suggesting ROCKEFELLER is other than a man of excellent moral character and a loyal American citizen. [redacted] is not personally aware of ROCKEFELLER's business affiliations or [redacted] organizations to which he may belong. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH R. CORCORAN on August 29, 1974:

PAUL MILLER, Chairman of the Board of the Gannett Company, Inc., and Chairman of Associated Press, 55 Exchange Street, Rochester, New York, a Republican, advised that he recalls his first meeting with the nominee in Washington, D. C. during World War II. He has been acquainted with the nominee since that time on a personal and professional basis and considers nominee to be the ideal choice for the position of Vice President. He said that he urged that Mr. ROCKEFELLER be nominated for this position. He considers nominee to be a highly respected, competent, honest and patriotic person. He would not hesitate in recommending nominee for the Vice Presidency of the United States.

EUGENE C. DORSEY, Publisher of the Democrat and Chronicle and Rochester Times Union, daily newspapers published by the Gannett Company, Inc., 55 Exchange Street, Rochester, New York, advised that he had limited contact with the nominee approximately six years ago when DORSEY was the Publisher of the Idaho Statesman. The nominee on one occasion spoke at the University of Idaho and on another occasion nominee was a guest of the Governor of Idaho. DORSEY briefly met the nominee on these occasions. DORSEY said he knew of nothing that would make him question nominee's character, associates, reputation and patriotism, and that he is pleased with the choice of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and, based on his knowledge of the nominee's reputation would recommend nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 29, 1974: b6 b7C

RICHARD TUTTLE, Managing Editor, Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, New York, advised that although he does not know Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a personal basis, he has met nominee on six to eight occasions. He said he considers the nominee to be a man of high character and he knows of no reason why nominee should not be Vice President of the United States, even though TUTTLE may not agree with all of

Mr. ROCKEFELLER's policies. TUTTLE further advised that he considers the nominee to be a loyal American citizen and he would recommend nominee for the position of Vice President.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON on August 29, 1974:

ALLEN H. NEUHARTH, President and Chief Executive, Gannett Company, Inc., 55 Exchange Street, Rochester, New York, advised that he has known nominee about 11 years, both in business and socially. He said that nominee is a man of excellent character. He commented that nominee is an intelligent man who relates well to people. Mr. NEUHARTH further advised he does not make personal political observations and declined to make any comment in that regard.

IV. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CONCERNING NOMINEE

The following newspaper article appeared in the July 11, 1959 edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

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Western New Yorker Brings Yank Know-How to Venezuela Farms of Gov. Rockefeller

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Special to The Buffalo Evening News

VALENCIA, Venezuela —A new respect for Yankee know-how is growing in this undeveloped land.

Venezuelans are watching a sturdy, bronzed young expert in tropical agriculture transform nearly 200,000 acres — some of it former jungle— into fertile farms and cattle country.

Boss of this far-flung agricultural empire is Frederick S. Johnson, 37, who deliberately traded Western New York's grape fields for a lifelong career in lands of tropical heat, torrential rains and distant mountains.

Fred Johnson's arrival in Venezuela ten years ago shows how far the pendulum has swung in inter-American relations. No longer do South Americans bemoan "gringo exploitation." The Venezuelan Government welcomed him— and the welcome still stands.

They know he's tackling a vital job. The land is rich, but Venezuela doesn't have enough under cultivation to feed its growing population. The country's economy is so out of balance that it has to import food, paying with exports of oil and iron ore.



Frederick S. Johnson, general manager of Gov. Rockefeller's Narfarms Inc., in Venezuela, with his wife, the former Cecily Moot of Buffalo.

JUL 11 1959

MR. JOHNSON CAME as a hard-headed business manager, however, rather than as an international dispenser of irritating good advice.

"These haciendas are investments, and some of them are already in the black," he says frankly. "Our interest now is refining operations, bringing things to the highest pitch of production."

Officially, Mr. Johnson is general manager of Narfarms Inc. The first three letters are the initials of Nelson A. Rockefeller, governor of New York—for a very good reason. It's his company!

Gov. Rockefeller's interest in South America goes back to World War II days, when he was co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs for President Roosevelt.

"The governor takes quite an interest in our farms," laughs Mr. Johnson. "He makes an on-the-spot inspection at least once a year, sometimes oftener. After his election last November, he spent a week here resting."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson—she's the former Cecily Moot of Buffalo—make their headquarters at Monte Sacro, a scenic 7500-acre farm in a mountain valley near Valencia.

The farm produces annually about 2200 tons of potatoes, its main crop.

"FEW U. S. RESIDENTS realize that potatoes came first from South America," Mr. Johnson points out.

"Growing them illustrates some of the unique problems of tropical agriculture. For one thing, we don't get enough sun! A summer day in Buffalo, for example, is 15 hours long. Here, near the equator, day and night are always about equal—12 hours.

"Our potatoes grow to maturity in the same number of days as in Western New York, but they get only 80% as many hours of sunshine—which means they're considerably smaller. Right now we're experimenting with potato seed from all over the world, trying to increase Venezuela potato size."

Monte Sacro also is a breeding center for Narfarms cattle and horses. The breeding stock—Santa Gertrudis bulls and fleet quarter horses — was brought here from the famed King Ranch in Texas.

Snorting behind the sturdy fences are a herd of 200 pure-bred Santa Gertrudis, from which bulls are supplied to the other farms.

The quarter horses are being crossed with 100 native mares to provide mounts for pleasure riding and the Narfarms cowboys who patrol the big ranges.

WHAT ARE the other farms in Venezuela like?

Palo Gordo, near Acarigua—6250 acres. Raises 1700 to 2200 tons of rice a year. Herd of 1200 cattle.

Hato Mate Debarabara, northeast interior — a 175,000 acre ranch with 10,000 head of cattle. The meat brings premium prices in Caracas, about 200 miles away.

It's shipped by truck during the dry season (three months) and by chartered two-engine planes the remainder of the year, when the mud roads become impassible. Each C-46 carries about 11,000 pounds of beef. At peak seasons they're making two flights a day, seven days a week.

Mr. Johnson also runs a fourth farm, "Caffea Robusta," about 800 miles away in Ecuador. It's smaller — about 1000 acres, torn out of raw jungle four years ago. Monkeys swing from the nearby trees and parrots squawk in the branches.

"This farm grows the type of coffee represented in its name," explains Mr. Johnson. "It's the first large planting in this hemisphere, and it looks optimistic. It'll come into production for the first time this year. Then we'll see."

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SCIENTIFIC FARMING, as practiced by Narfarms, is making South Americans take a long second look at some of their traditional practices.

"The native cows—'crillo'—are adapted to local conditions, but they gain weight too slowly and the meat quality isn't particularly good," Mr. Johnson illustrates.

"By crossing them with Santa Gertrudis we are building up the herds, improving the breed. Venezuelan ranchers, who can see the results, are beginning to copy our techniques."

A Research Center is in operation at each farm. The one at Palo Gordo faced — and solved — a particularly tough problem. Several years ago its big rice crop was blighted by "hoja blanco."

This virus disease, transmitted by insects, reduces yield 75%. It has since spread over most of South America and the Caribbean. Last fall it showed up on the southern coast of the U. S., threatening this country's rice crop.

"When the white stripes began to appear on the rice leaves, Palo Gordo sent an emergency message to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. We obtained seed, and raised and tested 10,000 varieties of rice.

"We found three strains that would resist the virus. Now much of Palo Gordo has been diverted to raising seed rice for other areas threatened by hoja blanco."

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WHAT KIND of background prepares a man to run this international farming enterprise?

Frederick Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, who operate a farm on West Main St. about a mile outside of Westfield. He was born there, attended public elementary and high school in Westfield, enrolled in Cornell University's College of Agriculture.

College was interrupted for three years' service in World War II, piloting fighters from the USS Yorktown. A fellow naval aviator, Richard E. Moot, introduced him to his sister, Cecily—later to become Mrs. Johnson.

Like many another young American, the war gave Mr. Johnson a sense of having been "uprooted" and a taste of foreign climes. It was then, he recalls, that he picked tropical agriculture as his lifetime career.

"I returned to Cornell, got my degree in 1946," he adds. "For the next three years I worked as a plantation superintendent for the Hawaiian Pineapple Co. on Lanai Island. Then, in 1949, I went to South America for the International Basic Economy Corp., which operates a number of Rockefeller enterprises."

With his career well established, Mr. Johnson returned to the U. S. to marry Cecily Moot. Her father, Welles V. Moot, is a prominent Buffalo attorney and chairman of the city's Parking Board.

BEFORE MAKING the wedding plans final, Mr. Johnson—like a cautious executive—persuaded her to make a visit to South America.

"A strange country like that can be a shock to a new bride," he explained. "However, she found it stimulating."

They live at Monte Sacro in a handsome new Colonial-type house atop a small hill. Mr. Johnson had the ten-room house built around a patio, and there's "a small swimming pool." The surrounding mountain scenery, a vivid tropical green, is spectacular.

"The climate is very delightful and healthful," he reports. "Temperatures range from 56

to 94 degrees. The only health precaution we take is to boil all drinking water. Mosquito nets on beds are unnecessary.

"I take anti-malaria pills when I fly to Ecuador, but Venezuela has done an outstanding job controlling yellow fever and malaria. The hospitals, too, are quite good."

Their three children—Frederick, 7; Elizabeth, 4½, and Anthony, 2—all were born in the U. S., but he insists that's just because his wife happened to be visiting home at the time.

"Cecily returns to Buffalo at least once each year, usually the last week in June. Most people don't realize that New York City is closer to Caracas than to Los Angeles."

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THE JOHNSONS are now at Thunder Bay, across the lake from Buffalo.

Frederick is in first grade in the school operated on the hacienda for the employes. Classes are in Spanish. The Johnson youngsters speak both languages easily.

"In fact, they learn to read Spanish first, because it is completely phonetic," Mr. Johnson observes. "When they chatter among themselves, they move back and forth from one language to the other. They have no accent; they speak better Spanish than I do." (He took a cram course in the Berlitz School before going to South America.)

Mr. Johnson describes their evenings at Monte Sacro as "typical rural life." He has a short-wave radio to pick up foreign broadcasts, but he's the only one who listens to them, and that "just to get the news." They read the Spanish newspapers and "there's a good English newspaper published in Caracas."

Mrs. Johnson does most of her shopping in Valencia, a 45-minute drive. "It's a city of 150,000 population and the selection is good." Sometimes she flies with him to Caracas for a special dress or major items. That city, Venezuela's capital, has more than 1,000,000 population.

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MR. JOHNSON commutes between farms in a private single-engine plane that seats him, as pilot, and three passengers. In April he returned here from the U. S. with a second plane, a twin-engine.

That trip to the U. S. combined business with pleasure. He conferred with Mr. Rockefeller's staff, then visited his parents. He also dropped off David Moot, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Moot of 58 Clarenden Pl., Buffalo.

David—unaccompanied —had flown to South America to spend a week with the Johnsons at Easter. "Young Frederick loaned him one of our riding horses and he had a grand time," runs the report.

Suppose you were a young man considering whether to try for a career overseas. What advice would Mr. Johnson give you?

"Travel around a little first. Decide whether that's what you'd really like to do.

"You can get a summer job with some U. S. companies. But be sure you're hired before you leave the U. S. Once you're overseas, jobs are hard to get.

"The companies with branches abroad tend to take native persons—local boys—and send them to the U. S. for training, then bring them back. Of the 800 persons employed by Narfarms at peak seasons, only six—including me—are from the U. S."

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HOW BIG WILL your pay check be overseas?

"How well a man does financially depends on how successful he is in his chosen career. There's more opportunity for advancement, working in these foreign fields, because not so many persons are interested in taking the jobs.

"One of the big compensations is the highly stimulating nature of the work. You may not have all the physical comforts, but you'll never be bored.

"There are also certain things you give up. You lose touch with your childhood and school friends. But you make new friends with other nationalities.

"A man's wife has a lot to do with whether he's a success overseas. If she doesn't like it, you can be sure he isn't going to be there very long!"

Americans working abroad, he believes, have the satisfaction of knowing that they are playing an important part in their country's foreign relations.

"One of the major factors in what other people think of the U. S. is the actual contact they have with American citizens living and working in their country," he says.

The path of mutual understanding runs in the other direction, too.

"Service abroad gives you a much broader picture of what is going on in the world," Mr. Johnson points out. "I certainly think the U. S. position as a world power needs this understanding among its citizens to the maximum degree."

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The following newspaper article appeared in the February 24, 1967, edition of The Times Union, a daily newspaper at Rochester, New York:

Senators Restate Campaign Charge

FEB 24 1967

New York (AP)—Two state senators today urged Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to immediately make public the sources of his campaign contributions.

Sens. Manfred Ohrenstein, Manahattan reform Democrat, and Jack E. Bronston, Queens Democrat, charged yesterday that a committee supporting the Republican governor had either not paid interest on $2,545,000 it had borrowed from banks or had not repaid the loan.

Several hours later, Rockefeller's office said the loans had been repaid with interest after Jan. 2 an so, under state law, did not have to be publicly reported until Jan. 2, 1968.

In a joint statement issued today, the two senators said "the crucial fact is not whether the loans have been repaid but the sources of the funds. The governor still refuses to disclose those at this time."

"In order to remove any suspicion with regard to the sources of the repayment or their legality," they said, "we call upon the governor to make these facts public now."

After learning that the loans had been repaid, Ohrenstein said yesterday, "I am willing to accept that. This is the first time the governor has owned up to his obligation to make a report on his election campaign funds."

Ohrenstein asked Manhattan Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan last Friday to investigate the Governor's Club for violations of the penal code. It costs $500 to get into the club and the money is used in Republican campaigns.

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The following newspaper article appeared in the February 24, 1967, edition of The Times Union, a daily newspaper at Rochester, New York:

Rocky Campaign Spending Under Study

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's record campaign spending to win a third term last fall is being studied by Manhattan Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan.

The investigation was launched on the basis of information of alleged violations of the election law given to the prosecutor by one of his former aides, State Sen. Manfred Ohrenstein, a Manhattan Reform Democrat.

There was no comment immediately from Rockefeller, a Republican, but a spokesman said yesterday that the governor was not personally involved in the campaign financing or spending. That was handled by the Friends of Rockefeller committee, he said.

Hogan refused to give any details of the inquiry.

"Ohrenstein brought the information and we agreed to look into the matter," a top Hogan aide said. "We want to look into all the facts and then we will determine if there is any basis for a grand jury investigation. We don't know what the facts are at this point."

Rockefeller reported spending nearly $5 million in the four-way race. Democrats have said the cost was nearer to $20 million.

Ohrenstein and State Sen. Jack E. Bronston, D-Queens, said at a news conference yesterday that in their opinion, there were alleged "violations of the spirit and letter of the election law" in Rockefeller's campaign financing and and they will press for limits on campaign spending.

Ohrenstein said the governor failed to explain in his financial report to Secretary of State John P. Lomenzo how he is repaying $2,545,000 in loans from four New York City banks. "We believe this attitude to be a violation," Ohrenstein said.

Rockefeller's office said the Friends of Rockefeller signed for the loans and have repaid them to the banks with interest.

The following newspaper article appeared in the September 15, 1971, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Rocky's Liberal Image Shattered by Attica

By BETTY FLYNN
Special to Buffalo Evening News

NEW YORK, Sept. 15—Gov. Rockefeller's already fragmented image as a liberal figurehead in the Republican Party has been shattered by his decision making on the Attica prison tragedy.

The man who was booed and catcalled as a liberal outcast at the 1964 GOP convention that nominated Barry Goldwater is now hailed as the hero of law and order in conservative quarters.

But to many liberal politicians and community who once saw Mr. Rockefeller on their side, his refusal to accede to a prisoner request Sunday to participate personally in negotiations and his support of the Monday onslaught is the final arc in a full-circle swing to the right.

"It is one of the most callous and blatantly repressive acts ever carried out by a supposedly civilized society on its own people," said Newark's black mayor, Kenneth Gibson.

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"THE UNANSWERABLE question that will haunt the state," wrote James A. Wechsler, the columnist and former editor of the New York Post, which supported Mr. Rockefeller in 1970, "is whether this disaster could have been averted if Gov. Rockefeller had responded to the pleas . . . for his personal appearance . . .

"What could have been risked by such a gubernatorial expedition even if it proved unsuccessful? Face? Isn't it conceivable that his appearance would have in fact provided the face-saver that would have enabled the inmates to back away from their more fantastic demands?"

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MR. WECHSLER and others were citing, if not equating, the late Adlai Stevenson's courageous stand at the Menard (Ill.) prison riot during the 1952 presidential campaign, which he interrupted to appear personally in the prison yard with an ultimatum. Order was restored shortly thereafter with no violence.

And City Hall officials were making the same cautious comparisons with Mayor John V. Lindsay's handling of New York City prison riots last October, when hostages were released unharmed after Mr. Lindsay promised to make personal appearances at three jails where rioting had broken out.

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"ROCKEFELLER WAS in a horrible dilemma and it's not really fair to make exact parallels," a City Hall source conceded. "But the thinking around here is if you don't go in immediately and negotiations begin, then it has to be treated more or less like labor negotiations. They have certain cards. You have certain cards, whatever your values. And even seemingly intractable and outrageous demands have a way of giving way after a while."

Mr. Lindsay once told a reporter that Gov. Rockefeller just "doesn't believe in local participation, in the common sense of ordinary people. He thinks he knows what's best for everyone."

But he once told another reporter: "I fancy myself an excellent negotiator. I love it. It is, I think, my one natural [illegible]"

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The following newspaper article appeared in the September 18, 1971, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

What Judgment Will History Pass On Rockefeller's Role in Attica?

By JERRY ALLAN
Buffalo Evening News Bureau

ALBANY—What role will history assign to Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller in telling the story of the slaughter at Attica Prison?

Will historians agree with him that the tragedy was brought on by the "highly-organized revolutionary tactics of militants who rejected all efforts at a peaceful settlement" as he said in a statement issued after the brief, bloody assault.

Or will history agree with some of Rockefeller's most severe critics who are already calling the tragedy "The Attica Massacre" and terming it a result of "the governor's conversion from liberalism to law and order?"

Rockefeller also is on the block as the strategist who masterminded what was certainly a kind of military operation from a safe distance while it appeared that a subordinate, Russell G. Oswald, the correctional services commissioner, actually pulled the trigger.

A DESCRIPTION of a governor's duties in the New York Red Book says that he "is commander in chief of military and naval forces of the state."

Isn't it reasonable to assume that a commander in chief should be at least somewhere in the immediate vicinity when a crisis occurs?

Rockefeller has always been an activist. During his campaigns, he walks confidently into the largest crowds, often ignoring his state trooper bodyguards.

Reporters who covered the 1970 campaign noted how he leaped onto

a junked car in lower New York and took on an angry group of blacks and Puerto Ricans whose hostility seemed ready at any moment to explode into violence.

But during the Attica riot he seemed reluctant about a direct confrontation. What is more defenseless is that the proud and haughty Rockefeller hid behind press statements.

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FOR EXAMPLE Rockefeller's executive order that activated the National Guard was strangely worded.

After the legal preliminaries, the order directs that "the chief of staff to the governor order" the guard "into active service."

It can be argued that the order makes it appear that Major Gen. John B. Baker, the National Guard commander, actually put the troops into Attica.

Also in the mountains of newspaper stories that have already accumulated in the Attica file those always-handy "spokesmen for the governor" insisted that the beleagured Commissioner Oswald actually ordered the assault that led ultimately to such horror.

Whether Rockefeller by negotiating personally with the rioters could have brought about a peaceful solution will be debated to exhaustion. But he does boast about his talents as a negotiator.

HE DIDN'T hesitate to confront angry blacks in Buffalo in some of the endless wrangling that finally resolved the stalemate in minority hiring for construction of the new State University of Buffalo campus.

It seems apparent that the governor and some of his top aides, planning the Attica assault last week-end at the Rockefeller estate far from Attica in Pocantico Hills, believed that a massive show of force might cow the convicts into peaceful submission.

Perhaps so. But what may have happened is that the extraordinary mobilization overwhelmed the assembled troopers and other police and they felt that such a concentration of force indicated real trouble and they had to go in with rifles and shotguns ablaze.

"Shoot anyone who resists," one officer was quoted as saying, and a nervous policeman cannot be blamed for interpreting that to mean "shoot anything that moves."

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THE FICTION of convict executioners slashing throats is only the most glaring example of some incredible blunders.

Newspaper editors can't be blamed — in fact, it is their responsibility to doubt everything that has been said officially about the Attica tragedy.

"Only names and places mean anything anymore," to paraphrase Ernest Hemingway.

Duped himself by the story of slashed throats, Rockefeller's press agents in New York, in the first statement that followed the shootings, persuaded him to say that "our hearts go out to the families of the hostages."

Not a word about the inmates who also died.

The statement also professed outrage at the inmates for "cold-blooded killings they had threatened from the outset."

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GERALD T. HOULIHAN, information officer for the Department of Correctional Services, does an adequate job in Albany.

But poor Houlihan was all alone in Attica, faced by hundreds of reporters from all over the nation.

"He felt now and then," said one of Houlihan's friends in Albany, "that he was safer inside the prison with the rioters."

It must have occurred to someone in the governor's office, or to Rockefeller himself, that Houlihan and the beleagured Commissioner Oswald could use some help in coping with the mass of reporters demanding information.

Rockefeller has a well-qualified highly-paid public relations staff that works only for him. They are very effective in political campaigns.

But they stayed behind the scenes in New York and Albany, another indication that Rockefeller didn't want his personal imprimatur on anything that happened in Western New York

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AS THE TENSION subsides in Attica, the governor is moving in more characteristic fashion to take command of the inevitable investigation.

He finally consented to talk personally to reporters Wednesday and went to Albany the next day to confer with Republican legislative leaders. The Attica tragedy will stimulate a flood of bills in the legislative session that begins in January.

Problems often mean opportunities to politicians and already some legislators are hopping onto the Attica bandwagon.

In fairness, Rockefeller became concerned about prison reform in 1967 and 1968 and he did reorganize the administrative aspects of the state's prison system in 1970 when the Legislature adopted his program for a new Department of Correctional Services.

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COMMISSIONER Oswald began his public career as a social worker. His predecessor, Paul D. McGinniss, began as a state trooper and that explains a lot about the two men.

Oswald began running the prisons on Jan. 1. "I need time" he said, "to change a system that for about 200 years has emphasized confinement of prisoners instead of rehabilitation."

Did time run out on Oswald at precisely 9:46 AM on Sept. 13, 1971 at Attica when State Police Capt. Henry F. Williams shouted "move in, move in"?

The following newspaper article appeared in the September 18, 1971, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Legislator Seeks To Impeach Rocky

Buffalo News Staff Reporter

ATTICA, Sept. 18 — Assemblyman Vander Beatty (D., 54th) today called Gov. Rockefeller a "murderer" and said that would call for impeachment

In an interview at the entrance to Attica Correctional Facility, the first-termer from Brooklyn told reporters:

"I'm accusing the governor totally of murder. He was the one who gave the order, not the troopers. He was the one who gave the word to Oswald" (Russell G. Oswald, Commissioner of Correctional Services.)

Although he doubted whether the Republican-controlled Legislature would support impeachment, Assemblyman Beatty said he would press black people to support the drive.

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The following newspaper article appeared in the September 20, 1971, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Rocky Concocted Story Of Slashings, Eve Says

Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve (D., Buffalo) charged Saturday that Gov. Rockefeller had "manufactured" the story about hostages' throats being slashed in the Attica Correctional Facility to gain public support for last Monday's police assault on the building.

Assemblyman Eve made the statement at a New York City meeting with members of the overseers' group that had been appointed by the prisoners during talks inside the besieged prison.

The group agreed that the condition of the prison caused the riot; official intransigence was responsible for Monday's bloodshed, and no member of the observer committee adopted any position which prevented a peaceful solution.

State Sen. John R. Dunne (R., Nassau County) said however, in his view, that there was no alternative to the attack last Monday. The prisoners' views had hardened, he said.

The following newspaper article appeared in the September 27, 1971, edition of The Courier Express, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Murder Is Charged At Attica

Courier-Express Niagara Falls Bureau

NIAGARA FALLS — Delegates of the New York State Board Members Assn. of Community Action Agencies on Sunday passed a resolution holding President Nixon, Gov. Rockefeller and a high ranking prison official responsible for "the premeditated murder of Attica inmates."

The delegates from 66 local Community Action Agencies in the state, passed the resolution at the close of a three-day conference here. The agencies assist underprivileged and minority groups. They are involved in improving housing conditions, and training programs. They receive 70 per cent of their operating funds from the federal government and the remainder from county local and private agencies.

The board members said they hold, "the President, governor and Oswald (Russell G. Oswald, commissioner of the state Correctional Services Dept.) personally responsible for the premediated murder" of the inmates. The resolution said the "murder" was "four days in the planning."

Appalled at Fire Power

The resolution stated: "We are appalled at the indiscriminate use of gas and fire power on prisoners; your (Gov. Rockefeller's) refusal to meet with the negotiating team, and your (the governor's) refusal to allow more time for negotiations."

The motion also stated that the members of the community action agencies were appalled at "an endless barrage of insults and lies by absent prison officials." Officials said this is aimed at prison guards and others who were not in the prison during the riot.

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The following newspaper article appeared in the September 27, 1971, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Action Group Accuses Rocky of 'Murder' at Attica

NIAGARA FALLS, Sept. 27 — Reformation of the state judiciary and prison system was demanded Sunday as delegates of the New York State Association of Community Action Programs accused President Nixon, Gov. Rockefeller and ranking prison officials with "premeditated" murder of inmates during the recent riot at Attica Correctional Facility.

The delegates, from 46 local community action agencies in the state, assist agencies ed the state, assist unprivileged and minority groups through improving housing conditions and training programs.

Meeting in the Holiday Inn, the delegates Sunday adopted a resolution saying they held "the President, governor and Oswald (Russell G. Oswald, state correction commissioner, personally responsible for the premeditated murder ... which was) four days in the planning."

The resolution stated: "We are appalled at the indiscriminate use of gas and fire power on prisoners" and criticized Gov. Rockefeller's refusal to come to the prison "to allow more time for negotiations."

The resolution also demanded: Reformation of the judiciary system; reformation of prisons; an attack on socio-economic conditions contributing to incarceration; separation of young offenders from senior inmates, and noted: "We ... are committed to doing all in our power to see that these changes are carried out."

(Mrs. Bloneva Bond, Niagara Falls, chairman of the Board of Directors of the local Niagara Community Action Program, said copies of the resolution would be sent to the President and the governor.

In another resolution, delegates agreed to conduct a statewide registration drive in order to "get unregistered persons registered on Sept. 30 and Oct. 2 for the Nov. 2 general election day.

Earlier, the delegates conducted workshops and business sessions on politics, youth problems, education and migrants. migrants.

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The following newspaper article appeared in the October 9, 1971, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Attica Has Left Rockefeller With a Credibility Gap

By JERRY ALLAN
Buffalo Evening News Bureau

ALBANY—The overwhelming majority of citizens in the state and perhaps the nation most likely support what Gov. Rockefeller did to suppress the Attica Prison rebellion.

"Unfortunately," said a source close to Rockefeller, "it was bungled so badly afterward that the majority has to be silent and if anyone does speak out they seem to have to do it defensively."

Corrections Commissioner Russell G. Oswald and other liberal penologists may insist that prisons should be humane places "to transform society's failures into valuable human resources."

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BUT TO the average person a prison is still a place to confine criminals. It will be a long time before there is wide acceptance to the theory, held by Oswald and others, that persons who obey the law are nevertheless responsible for those who break it.

"Stick him in jail and forget about him," is still the over-all response to criminal behavior.

Then why, nearly a month after the Attica uprising, is Gov. Rockefeller still on the defensive about it?

Why is it impossible for the citizen majority that supports law and order to rally convincingly to the governor's side?

"As I said," the source close to the governor repeated, "we bungled it administratively."

The most glaring blunder of course was the lie, whether deliberate or not, that convict killers cut the throats of the slain hostages and also committed castration and other mutilations.



GOV. ROCKEFELLER . . . Still on the defensive about Attica?

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BEFORE the autopsy evidence refuted the slashed-throat story, Rockefeller was well on his way to a sort of vindication in the bloody affair when he said that "the tragedy was brought on by the highly-organized, revolutionary tactics of militants who forced a confrontation and carried out cold-blooded killings."

After all, the governor said, the troopers did save the lives of most of the hostages.

But it turned out that there were no "cold blooded killings" by the prisoners of hostages, although evidence now indicates they killed three of their fellow inmates prior to the State Police assault.

"We were caught in a flat, glaring lie," a friend of the governor's said, "and we've been trying to explain it ever since."

ROCKEFELLER, with nearly 20 years of public service is a master of press conferences. He is always in control. Or he was until Attica.

Now he is a man defending himself and he is on uncertain ground, in strange territory.

He feels the necessity for long, convoluted explanations. Here is a sample:

Q — Do you think there was indiscriminate shooting by the State Police?

A—No, I don't think there was indiscriminate shooting but I think the hostages who died of gun wounds were caught in a crossfire and I can explain simply how this happened.

The instructions were to shoot the executioners who stood with knives at the throats of the hostages. Some of them had additional prisoners, I mean prisoners who were standing behind the guards, the hostages, with a knife or whatever it was at their backs.

So the instructions were t[illegible] to shoot the minute the gas [illegible] down, the executioners. This is the sharpshooters. The other instruction was they were to storm the four passageways, the top of the passageways where the barricades had been built leading to where the prisoners were held and what was known as Times Square, which was the middle of the courtyard on top of the path.

Now it is evident that both the gunshots included rifles, shotguns and pistols. If you visualize the effect of the gas coming down, which comes in a semi fog, causes haze, the effect of the gas which operates in three seconds, which would be doubling up somebody, and the instructions which was to try and save these men, to me it's extraordinary that 28 men were saved under these circumstances.

So they converged in four different lines toward the hostages. Again, there was the possibility here of the crossfire, and I think this is exactly what happened.

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Is the governor trying to convince the reporters or himself?

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SINCE THE slashed-throat story went down the drain, everything the governor or anyone in his administration says about Attica is suspect.

And statements that inmates and the governor's opponents are issuing have at least the ring of credibility, although hard truths have not yet been established.

Is it possible that police, after the riot had been quelled, still shot an inmate to death? Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, the black Democrat from Buffalo, alleges it may have happened.

Most newspaper editors would toss in the wastebasket a story that alleges that some State Police, again after the rebellion was over, made prisoners crawl in the dirt, saying, "Don't you know troopers don't like niggers?"

But in the atmosphere of Attica, with credibility gone from the Rockefeller Administration, what the inmates are saying is getting into print while the Rockefeller defenders are silent.

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IN HIS HASTE to explain everything about Attica, Rockefeller has been guilty of some unusual contradictions.

He said, for example, that "the use of this gas is a fantastic instrument in a situation of this kind."

Perhaps the citizens committee that is charged with "getting the facts" about what happened at Attica will be able to explain why, if the gas is as good as Rockefeller claims, the troopers began firing moments after the helicopters dropped the gas pellets.

Why not wait five minutes to learn if the gas immobilized anyone?

Rockefeller appears to have been unaware how well-trained and equipped the state troopers are in putting down riots and rebellions.

Q — Governor, if the prisoners did not have guns why was it necessary for there to be so much gunfire from the troopers?

A—Very simple, because as I explained to you on these passageways, the top of these passageways had all been built with barricades, with wire which was electrified, and there were all kinds of whatever the materials were.

The prison turned off the electric current before they went in so the electric wiring didn't have an effect, but they had to break through barricade after barricade manned by prisoners with spears, knives, etc., behind these barricades, and their instructions were only to shoot, to kill the executioners, or to protect themselves in event of attack or to overcome resistance that would keep them from getting to the hostages.

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The following newspaper article appeared in the December 23, 1971, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Class-Action Suit Accuses Governor, Others Over Attica

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 — A class action filed in federal court Wednesday by inmates of the Attica Correctional Facility accuses Gov. Rockefeller and other state officials of murder, manslaughter, assault and larceny.

The complaint was filed by attorneys of the Center for Constitutional Rights, acting for Attica inmates; Mrs. Elizabeth Durham, mother of an inmate killed in the September uprising at the prison, and State Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve (D., Buffalo).

It also asks that the state prison system be placed in federal receivership.

Forty-three inmates and prison personnel died during the four-day inmate uprising that was put down by gunfire on Sept. 13.

Michael D. Ratner, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said at a news conference that the suit seeks to compel the state to institute "state criminal prosecutions against defendants."

Named with Gov. Rockefeller were Russell G. Oswald, commissioner of Correctional Services; Walter E. Dunbar, Mr. Oswald's executive deputy commissioner; Vincent R. Mancusi, superintendent of Attica; and others, including state police and two state Supreme Court justices. Also named is Atty. Gen. Louis J. Lefkowitz.

BU 161-394

The following newspaper article appeared in the January 25, 1972, edition of The Buffalo Evening News, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Eve Stuns Assembly With Bid to Impeach Governor Over Attica

By JERRY ALLAN
Buffalo Evening News Bureau

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ALBANY, Jan. 25—Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, a black Buffalo Democrat, introduced a resolution today to impeach Gov. Rockefeller for his "failure" to go to Attica during the prison revolt there Sept. 9-13.

Mr. Eve said the governor was to blame for "the horror that was Attica."

Assembly Majority Leader John E. Kingston (R., Mineola) rushed immediately to the governor's defense.

"He's a man of great compassion," Mr. Kingston said, "and no fair-minded man could agree with the remarks about the governor made by Mr. Eve."

Mr. Kingston said also that during the rebellion at Attica, where Mr. Eve served as chairman of an observer committee, the Buffalo assemblyman "switched from the role of mediator to that of an advocate."

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THE ASSEMBLY sat in stunned silence as Mr. Eve, in an emotional 25-minute speech, recounted the now-familiar story of the Attica tragedy.

"We got the governor's private phone number," he said, "and I pleaded with him, we all pleaded iwth him, to please come to Attica and talk to the observer committee. Not to the prisoners, mind you, just the committee."

Mr. Eve said that "we warned him that a massacre would take place."

The Attica rebellion ultimately took 43 lives.

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AT ONE point, he said he told Corrections Commissioner Russell G. Oswald that "you and the governor don't give a damn about lives."

When the negotiations appeared to be floundering, Mr. Eve said, he attempted to talk personally to Robert R. Douglass, the governor's secretary, who was on the scene.

"A corrections officer removed me bodily from the door of his office," Mr. Eve said. He did see Mr. Douglas later, he said, with inconclusive results.

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MR. EVE said the governor "sits back and does nothing" while guards "continue to brutalize inmates at Attica and every other prison in the state."

Assemblyman Frank Walkley, a Republican whose district includes Attica, replied:

"I have lived near Attica most of my life and I have never heard anybody mention a case of brutality by guards.

"It never was true and is not true today."

Assemblyman James T. Emery (R., Geneseo), who served on the Attica observer committee with Mr. Eve, noted "differences of opinion" about what happened.

He urged Mr. Eve to cooperate with several groups now investigating the riot.

"WE MIGHT prejudice true fact-finding by wild statements," Mr. Emery said.

He noted that he and Mr. Eve would probably be called to testify before a grand jury investigating the rebellion.

Mr. Eve reserved his harshest attack for Deputy Corrections Commissioner Walter Dunbar, accusing Mr. Dunbar of "a monstrous lie" in telling observers that prisoners had slashed the throats of hostages.

"I believed him," Mr. Eve said, "and I'm ashamed to say that I did. He told the most vicious lies. It was the State of New York that killed the hostages."

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MR. EVE'S resolution was referred to the Rules Committee. Indications were the Republican-controlled Assembly would bottle it up there. Mr. Eve then could try, if he wished, for a floor vote on prying the matter out of committee.

Only one of the state's 49 governors — William Sulzer on Oct. 17, 1913 — was successfully removed from office.

Mr. Eve is also party to a Federal Court suit in New York that seeks to indict Gov. Rockefeller and others for murder because of the Attica riot.

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BU 161-394

The following newspaper article appeared in the April 29, 1972, edition of The Courier Express, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Oswald Says He Asked Governor Go to Attica

NEW YORK (AP) — State Correction Commissioner Russell G. Oswald testified Friday that he urged Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to "walk that last mile" before the riot at Attica State Prison erupted into deadly violence last September.

"I thought that he should consider coming, and I felt it would be important for him to walk that last mile," Oswald told the so-called McKay Commission on its 13th day of hearings into the uprising that claimed 43 lives.

Rocky Stayed Away

Rockefeller did not go to the prison near Buffalo, and on Sept. 9, state troopers and correction officers using high-powered rifles and tear gas regained control of four yards from 1,200 rebelling inmates.

Oswald said that forcibly retaking the prison yards seized by inmates was "the last thing in the world I wanted to do."

The commissioner said he "suggested" to Rockefeller that "it would seem it might be appropriate that someone as warm and understanding as the governor walk that last mile" even if he thought it would not be productive.

Quotes Governor

Oswald quoted the governor as asking whether his appearance at Attica would save lives.

"I don't think so," the commissioner said he replied.

Oswald said he was "doing everything iconoclastically" in the rebellion and that he broke with traditional penal practice by negotiating with prisoners at all, even negotiating in the prison yard itself.

At one point, the commissioner testified, some of the inmates threatened to make him the 39th hostage.

"I kept my word," he told them. "You are men, and I expect you to keep yours." The inmate leaders then "assured me a safe return," Oswald continued.

"I had the naive belief that I could bring about some change," he said.

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The following newspaper article appeared in the May 1, 1972, edition of The Times Union, a daily newspaper at Rochester, New York:

Rockefeller's Story

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By READ KINGSBURY
Times-Union Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Amid the fears and fancies that swirled about the participants in the Attica state prison tragedy last September, the governor and his staff members seem to have been strangely isolated.

That's the impression given in the 255 pages of their recollections which were released by the McKay Commission today.

The commission will look there in vain for any indication of pressure by guards, townspeople, State Police or other prison authorities across the country to mount a quick attack to rescue the 38 hostages and regain control of the prison after the Sept. 9 uprising.

During its 13 days of hearings, the commission heard much about that pressure.

The commission will look there in vain for any sign that the governor and staff understood the uprising and the mounting tensions in a context of racial animosity, a condition to which many witnesses have testified.

Governor Testy

In fact, the governor became very testy and revealed his distaste and lack of understanding for this line of questioning.

The commission also will look in vain for any hint that the governor or staff thought the prisoners' will to resist was weakening, as some witnesses have said. The governor and his staff had only one view, that delay in hopes of a peaceful end to the matter would be fruitless.

Nor will the commission find clarification of the citizen observers' committee role. Several observers testified they were a channel between state and inmates which they fought to keep open to save lives; the Albany view is they were negotiators, who having failed, should have stepped aside.

The commission will not find the governor and staff more concerned at the time about issues now grown controversial. They simply trusted responsible authorities that the men in the Sept. 13 assault had the right weapons and were under proper control, that the men handling the prisoners after their surrender were under adequate supervision.

And the commission will find, on the most sensitive issue to the governor, a blind spot. Witnesses said the governor should have gone to Attica for a variety of reasons but they boiled down to the psychological reason: it would have been reassuring to have had him there to feel the atmosphere and satisfy himself that it was necessary to do what was done, or perhaps to have hastened it or postponed it.

Aides Disagreed

The govenor's staff split on this. Corrections Commissioner Russell Oswald and O'Hara supported a proposal that if the inmates would release the hostages the governor would come to Attica. Robert R. Douglass, the governor's secretary, and Dr. T. Norman Hurd, director of state operations, did not support the proposal. Douglass feared he would be drawn into

the courtyard to talk with the prisoners and there harmed.

Gov. Rockefeller's own answers do not touch on any fear or psychological impact his presence might have had. He simply refused to get into any political discussions with prisoners, at long distance or short distance.

This is the midde C of the governor's appearance before the commission — "You get into the question of whether . . . they really wanted to settle for reform or whether they were finding reasons not to settle for reform to politicize the whole action . . ."

And the governor was not having any part of that action. "I feel we are in the very dangerous position in our society if this business of taking hostages . . . and then threatening to kill them . . . becomes an accepted method of accomplishing political objectives," he told the commission.

But he did not feel Oswald was inconsistent with those guidelines when he chose to negotiate with prisoners. "He felt that he could, through negotiation, achieve what he was already committed to anyhow which was reform . . ."

No Second-Guess

Oswald didn't ask for permission to negotiate, the governor and his staff testified, and the governor refused to second-guess him now. "As long as it related to prison reforms, I was ready to support him."

The governor said he had installed Oswald in January 1971 to convert prisons "from custodial to rehabilitative treatment."

"If I could go back 14 years instead of six months, one of the things I regret most is my own lack of perception of the tremendous need which existed in this area . . . Had I done then . . . what I was doing now, I'm sure this wouldn't have happened."

But the fiscal crisis of 1971 made it impossible to do more than "lay the groundwork of a rehabilitative prison system."

In May, Oswald "pointed out that the unrest in the prisons were being fomented and exacerbated by internal and external revolutionary political activities which were increasingly zeroing in on the criminal element in our society."

That was what he was facing, he felt, in what was to be the final day of the Attica uprising.

The observers committee had been gathered at the request of the prisoners and although Douglass said he was concerned about the "open-end" aspect, as people kept adding themselves, the governor's staff itself contributed to the build-up [illegible] persons, a number regarded by all as too large. Rockefeller called some of them "camp-followers."

Listened to Complaints

The observers had listened to the prisoners' complaints through a long night in Courtyard D, thronged with some 1,200 inmates. They had sorted and screened them down to 31 points, and Oswald had, with Rockefeller's support, approved 28. They were measures that could be taken immediately to improve the state's prisons or measures the governor promised to support before the legislature.

The observers took the document back into the prison Saturday night. Rockefeller was harsh on the performance of William Kunstler, radical lawyer, and Bobby Seale, Black Panther chairman, that night. "I'm not sure one could say that either Mr. Seale or Mr. Kunstler were very strong" in urging the prisoners to settle, he said.

But his staff was kinder. O'Hara recalled a lunch-wagon conversation with Kunstler in which Kunstler said, "These people know that this is the best deal they are going to get." (Kunstler testified he told the inmates, "It's up to you").

Douglass said Seale's talk was "not an inflammatory speech." He said Clarence Jones, publisher of the Amsterdam News (for whom the governor expressed unlimited admiration), reported this conversation to him late that night at the Holiday Inn in Batavia:

"One of the inmates had shouted out, 'We want to die like men' and . . . he said to the inmates, 'You may just be given that opportunity if you don't accept these demands'."

Note Was Found

But it was clear the inmates would not settle, "all the chips were on the table" as far as Douglass was concerned, and on Sunday there was a lull, officials began preparing the attack and observers began "grasping at a straw" to delay it.

At this time, the interview with Douglass revealed, a note was found on one of the observers, Tom Soto, of the Youth Against War and Fascism group, during a routine contraband search. It said, "Only among ourselves, they have a gun, molatov cocktail, gas gun, knives and some other weapons. Destroy this after reading it."

So the governor and his staff felt they had reason to suspect some of the observers were not being neutral.

Douglass' testimony tends to support a charge by Assemblyman Arthur Eve of Buffalo that Douglass talked only to upstate conservative legislators. The list is broader than that — Douglass recalls talking with U.S. Rep. Carman Badillo, Bronx Democrat, with Jones, with Sen. John Dunne of Nassau County, State Senator Robert Gracia of New York City, apparently regularly. But he apparently did not speak at length or often to Eve, who had complained that thus he was denied access to Rockefeller's ear, or to the various representatives of community organizations.

This problem came to a head, Douglass said, when the observers "demanded" his presence. Their message: "We want the governor to come here. If he doesn't come here and you retake the prison by use of force there will be uprisings all over the country. There will be bloodshed in the streets of every city in America."

Douglass said Kunstler, Eve, William Galter of Buffalo's BUILD agency, perhaps Minister Franklin Florence of Rochester and Soto joined. "There was finger-shaking and shouting."

The Issues

Douglas asked what the issues were. They explained: Amnesty from prosecution for criminal acts, removal of Supt. Vincent Mancusi, asylum in non-imperialistic countries. (Witnesses who were in the prison yard have testified the last was not a serious issue but the governor and his staff persist in claiming that it was.)

"We were now settling into a situation where the demands were political, where they affected the whole structure of our government in the sense that the recognition of a framework of law within which the people could find freedom and could find personal security was being threatened," Rockefeller told the commission.

Douglass said he reported the hostility of the group to Rockefeller faithfully. He said the observers were frustrated because they were "suddenly left without any cards they could play," but he felt it would be a "dangerous precedent" for the governor to come to Attica.

But Dunne, Badillo, Jones and Tom Wicker of The New York Times took their appeal directly to Rockefeller with a telephone call Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12.

"I felt that they did not want to admit defeat in this and see this thing go back to the commissioner (Oswald)," the governor told the McKay group. "So I said, 'Well, what do you think would be accomplished by my presence?' and their answer was, 'Well, we don't know, two things. One, something might happen and two, we could buy time.' "

Rockefeller said he asked them, "Are you worried that the prisoners are going to move and kill the hostages or are you worried the State is going to move.' " They said, "We're worried about the state," so he gave assurances there would be no attack that day.

"Well, I felt we had now moved into what I considered the political phase of this thing, but those who were pushing this, who were not interested in seeing the settlement or seeing a reform, what they wanted to do was to drag this out, preserve the theater for worldwide coverage relating to revolutionary forces and to get another round," Rockefeller testified.

Emotional Scene

Sunday afternoon the theater did indeed receive worldwide coverage. Observers went to the courtyard for the last time. They have testified it was an emotional scene—the men there knew they would be attacked and some would die and so they did not feel it necessary to issue more warnings.

Rockefeller's view of that meeting is that the observers were "inflammatory and certainly not calming" and mentioned Eve. Kunstler and Soto. That session, with hostage Capt. Frank Wald appealing to the governor, went on television.

In the aftermath, though, the observers again took out their frustrations in a meeting with Oswald, according to the views of Rockefeller and Douglass. Rockefeller said Oswald's treatment then was "like the treatment he got in the prison"; Douglass said, "They shouted at him, screamed at him."

None of this hostility was reported by witnesses earlier, either observers or Oswald. Kunstler and Eve testified they tried to persuade Oswald the inmates were weakening in their insistence on amnesty and Mancusi's removal.

Late the night before the final assault, Douglass recalled, Oswald made his last-ditch proposal — "that if . . . the hostages were released safely and they returned to their cells, that then the governor would come and talk, whether it was about the implementation of the 28 demands or discuss grievances."

Douglass said Oswald "readily admitted . . . it would not be accepted and . . . it probably wouldn't serve any useful purpose . . ."

Rockefeller's view of the proposal was that Oswald thought it "would put me in a better position" but "I wasn't trying to posture myself in a good public relations position."

O'Hara said he felt "there was nothing to be lost by having the governor come" but he had to tell the governor he didn't think the hostages would release the prisoners. He said the advisers feared "if we threw out any kind of additional hope . . . it would simply delay the matter further . . . against the eventual time when this action would have to be necessary" because all this time, the inmates were building defenses, digging trenches, making bombs, wiring fortifications. Oswald, said O'Hara, felt "time was running against the state in a retake mission."

Fear Was Fed

Douglass recalled this fear was fed by an inmate who fled from the courtyard early Monday with stab wounds who reported, "They are building up their reinforcements, they are continuing to make weapons and testified to a continuing deterioration."

Douglass said Oswald decided to move "in discussion with the governor." The secretary continued, "The governor made it very clear at some point . . . that the State Police should lead the mission and that the correction offices should not be involved . . . he asked me to convey that to the State Police, to Russ (Oswald) and to the superintendent (Mancusi) which I did."

The order was disobeyed, the commission was told last week. Correction officers fired 74 o fthe 450 confirmed shots.

None of the governor's staff reviewed the State Police assault plans, they said. O'Hara, who as head of the state's National Guard was instrumental in a riot control plan specifying No. 7½ buckshot, did not know State Police were armed with the very much more lethal double-0 buckshot.

Rocky Bristled

"I just assumed they would use what in their opinion was the safest and least dangerous," Rockefeller said, and he bristled when Arthur Liman, counsel to the commission, remarked the State Police seem "more or less wed to their procurement practices."

Rockefeller said he had confidence in the State Police because of their success in bringing Rochester's race riot to a close without shooting in 1964. "They were dubbed 'The Cool Ones' by the local community because of the way they controlled themselves in handling this," he said.

The possibility of introducing tranquilizers into the prisoners' food and water was studied by Shapro at the governor's request. But it wasn't practical, Shapiro said (the prisoners had their own supplies). He also asked about a "superlight" and some kind of sound machine" but "aside from gas and guns and sticks, they didn't have any practical weaponry available."

Rockefeller said he felt sure there was discussion about trying to retake the prison without guns. The State Police commander had testified there was not.

Liman asked Rockefeller if anyone had expressed concern about racial tension among the waiting troops. "You'd have to explain to me what you mean by racial tensions," the governor answered.

"Comments being made, racial slurs," Liman explained. The governor shook his head.

"Was there any discussion about using integrated forces? Liman asked.

"What do you mean 'integrated'?" the governor responded.

"Well, for example, having even one black trooper participate in the assault."

"No . . . this is the responsibility of the people who are in charge," but the governor added he couldn't see the point because "how do you identify him with a gas mask?"

It was Liman's turn to be bewildered. "I think the question really was whether you gave any consideration to the possibility that racial attitudes might affect the capacity of . . ." Liman started.

"If you will excuse me, I don't think the question is pertinent because I don't think that it's relevant to the action that was taken," the governor broke in.

Then he launched into a sweeping defense of his reliance on delegated authority and his civil rights record.

"Frankly," he said, "I do not feel that this was primarily a radical uprising, that blacks and whites were involved, some in relation to prison reform, sincerely, I'm sure, some using the problems for, I have to assume, political purposes. And that one of the means of stirring up public concern is to try and portray the situation worse than it is and to raise all the notions that one can think up . . ."

He said he believed Oswald and Dunbar would take steps to prevent any physical reprisals on men after they surrendered and "under the trials and tribulations that everybody had been through, the prisoners and hostages and guards alike, that there was in broad areas a reasonably restrained showing if you go backwards in history."

Douglass said nobody considered broadcasting the surrender order from the helicopter in Spanish (one inmate has testified he was shot when he didn't understand an order) and that it was expected the order to surrender would come simultaneously with the drop of gas, not seven minutes later after a hail of fire.

Observed Attack

O'Hara said he observed the attack from a cell block, as a previous witness had testified, but unlike that witness he did not see correction officers firing guns.

Both O'Hara and Shapiro said they saw correction officers "prodding" inmates with batons but nobody being hit. "There was nothing vicious in what they were doing," he said. "It crossed my mind they were using pretty good self-restraint at this point."

The McKay commission's staff report said the reprisals took place not immediately after the takeover, which is when O'Hara was in the area, but later.

Douglass defended Dunbar for repeating unverified stories that hostages had their throats cut. He said he watched the first 12 hostages come out and "three were bleeding at the throats."

The following newspaper article appeared in the September 13, 1972, edition of The Courier Express, a daily newspaper at Buffalo, New York:

Rocky's Failure to Go To Attica Called Error

Attack on Prison Reprisals Draw Fire in Report

NEW YORK (AP)—A state commission said Tuesday that Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller should have gone to Attica State Prison before he ordered police to storm it to suppress a four-day riot in which 43 persons died.

Rockefeller issued a statement praising the commission for a "monumental job of investigating and reporting," but did not refer to its finding that he should have gone to the prison.

Highly Critical

Issued a year after the rebellion—bloodiest in American prison history—the report was highly critical of the prison system, officials who planned the assault, the "vengeful reprisals" against the prisoners, and officials who spread false reports of prisoner atrocities.

The commission also released an 80-minute television program, to be shown tonight on Public Broadcasting Service stations. It includes film of the riot and the storming of the prison, tape highlights from the commission's public hearings, and artist's illustrations.

No Conspiracy

The riot did not stem from a revolutionary conspiracy, the commission said, but rather a "spontaneous burst of violent anger" by a new breed of prisoners.

Those prisoners, it said, are largely black and unwilling to accept the "petty humiliations and racism that characterize prison life." It said that only minor changes have been made since the riot, and called the possibility of a recurrence "very real."

As for Rockefeller, the commission acknowledged that he had a hard decision, but said he "should not have committed the state's armed forces against the rebels without first appearing on the scene and satisfying himself that there was no other alternative and that all precautions against excessive force had been taken."

Not Cause

The nine-member commission headed by Robert B. McKay, dean of the New York University School of Law, said, however, that Rockefeller's refusal to go to the prison was not the cause of the deaths and casualties.

There were 29 prisoners and 10 hostages killed in the assault. Three prisoners and a guard had died earlier in the riot, which became the bloodiest in American history.

The commission said it condemns taking hostages as a means of changing society "even where peaceful efforts at reform have failed."

More Violence

"Whether carried out in a commercial jetliner, or in a prison, the holding of human lives for ransom is wrong and only leads to more violence and to a backlash that makes change

more difficult," the commission said.

It agreed with Rockefeller that he could not and should not have granted complete amnesty to the prisoners, which was a principal inmate demand. But the commission said prosecution might have been waived for lesser crimes, such as taking hostages without harming them—"an alternative not sufficiently explored by either side."

"However," the commission said, "even if one could be certain that the governor's appearance would not have led to a settlement, the gravity of the situation warranted the governor's presence before the decision was reached to commence the assault."

Named by Fuld

The commission was appointed by Chief Judge Stanley H. Fuld of the State Court of Appeals and the four presiding justices of the Appellate Division to investigate the events leading up to, during and following the riot.

In its 514-page report, issued on the first anniversary of the storming of the prison, the commission said the prisoners rioted because they were caught in an unjust, racist and ineffective prison and criminal justice system.

New Breed

"Rather than being revolutionary conspirators bent only on destruction, the Attica rebels were part of a new breed of younger, more aware inmates, largely black, who came to prison full of deep feelings of alienation and hostility against the established institutions of law and government, enhanced self-esteem, racial pride and political awareness, and an unwillingness to accept the petty humiliations and racism that characterize prison life," the report said.

"Like the urban ghetto disturbances of the 1960's, the Attica uprising was the product of frustrated hopes and unfulfilled expectations, after efforts to bring about meaningful change had failed."

The commission went beyond its instructions to propose a seven-point restructuring of the state's system, which it acknowledged would require "far-reaching, indeed radical, changes."

"The only way to salvage meaning out of the otherwise senseless killings at Attica is to learn from this experience that our Atticas are failures," the commission said.

"The crucial issues remain unresolved; and they will continue unresolved until an aroused public demands something better."

The report said that Attica was typical of the state's prisons, which are operated like 19th century fortresses, with security the most important policy.

"Despite brave talk about rehabilitation as a prime objective of detention, the shortage of trained personnel and the inadequacy of facilities made rehabilitation an impossible dream. In fact, it is not even clear that it was then, or is now, a real objective of the American prison system," the report said.

The commission said its staff had interviewed nearly 3,000 people during its investigation—including 600 prisoners, 400 correction officers, 270 state police, 100 sheriff's officers and 200 national guardsmen, as well as prison officials, "observers" who helped in the negotiations, doctors, surviving hostages and Rockefeller and his staff.

Raps Fischer

Last Friday, special state prosecutor Robert E. Fischer, who has been conducting a simultaneous investigation, subpoenaed the commission's records of those interviews.

Arthur Liman, general counsel for the McKay commission, called Fischer's action "an incredible betrayal" and said it violated an agreement between the two investigating units not to compromise each other. He moved to quash the subpoena. Fischer defended his action, saying no law makes the commission's records "privileged."

The following newspaper article appeared in the September 13, 1972, edition of The Times Union, a daily newspaper at Rochester, New York:

Visit by Rockefeller Seemed 'Appropriate'

This is what the McKay Commission said on two critical points of the Attica uprising, the refusal of the state to grant amnesty from prosecution for criminal acts and the refusal of Gov. Rockefeller to go to Attica:

"State officials would have undermined public confidence in the rule of law had they excused serious crimes under the threat that there would be additional acts of violence if amnesty were not granted."

"The Commission would not, however, have ruled out some concessions in amnesty. For example, inmates could have been assured that they would not be prosecuted as kidnapers for holding hostages if the hostages were released unharmed.

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" . . . The Commission does not mean to suggest that the governor's failure to appear at Attica was the cause of the deaths and casualities that followed. Full amnesty was the paramount issue at all times. . ."

"In summary, the Commission believes that the governor should have gone to Attica, not as a matter of duress or because the inmates demanded his presence, but because his responsibilities as the state's chief executive made it appropriate that he be present at the scene of the critical decision involving great risk of loss of life, after Commissioner Oswald had requested him to come."

—KINGSBURY

BU 161-394

The following newspaper article appeared in the December 19, 1973, edition of The Times Union, a daily newspaper at Rochester, New York:

Allegations On Rocky 'Baseless'

NEW YORK (AP) — A state report has described as "baseless and irresponsible" allegations that former Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller improperly influenced the awarding of state contracts to a computer firm headed by Texas millionaire H. Ross Perot.

However, the report by Welfare Inspector General George F. Berlinger this week also accused the State Social Services Department of "inexcusable sloppiness" in handling the contracts.

At issue in the dispute were three awards totaling $165,000 for preliminary studies on computerizing the state's welfare and Medicaid programs. The initial contracts may lead to a full computer effort expected to cost some $20 million a year.

The report by Berlinger, a Rockefeller appointee, absolved the governor of any impropriety in meeting with Perot last February. After that meeting, Rockefeller asked that Perot's firm, Electronic Data Systems Inc., be reinstated as a bidder even though EDS had been rated low on a list of potential contractors.

The governor was questioned under oath last week before an investigative panel headed by Berlinger. Rockefeller's testimony, released with the report, showed he had intervened on the strength of a recommendation by California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Rockefeller testified that when he heard Perot might not get the contracts; "I was concerned because I knew at least he was one person both who had a record and was willing to take a contract outside, because Governor Reagan told me about it."

Strongly criticized in the Berlinger report was the head of New York City's Human Resources Administration, Jule M. Sugarman, one of those who had raised the charges of favoritism and secret deals in awarding of the state contracts.

When he testified under oath, the report said, Sugarman "retreated to the position that he had no evidence but 'felt there must have been a deal.'"

Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, D-N.Y., and municipal union leader Victor Gotbaum, who had joined Sugarman in voicing the allegations, refused to testify before the Berlinger panel.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 30, 1974

MARY TODHUNTER ROCKEFELLER

Mary Todhunter Rockefeller, North East Harbor, Maine, was interviewed on August 30, 1974, and advised that she is the former wife of former Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. She said that they had been married on June 23, 1930, and were divorced in March, 1962. She stated that she considers Governor Rockefeller to be a person whose character and loyalty to the United States are above reproach. She said that Governor Rockefeller has always demonstrated himself to be a man of outstanding ability whose integrity is above question. She further described him as dedicated, hard-working, and intelligent. She said that Governor Rockefeller possesses a fine reputation as an individual and administrator and his talent in the field of administration qualifies him for nomination as Vice President of the United States. She highly recommended him for the position to which he has been nominated.

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5:11PM IMMEDIATE 8-31-74 RTC

TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)

ALBANY (161-965)

BOSTON (161-2182)

FROM: NEW YORK (161-2961) 5P

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NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 21, 1974.

ON AUGUST 31, 1974, SAMUEL H. GILLESPIE, III, LAW FIRM OF MILBANKS, TWEED, HADLEY AND MC CLOY, MIDTOWN OFFICE, 1 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, MADE AVAILABLE A PARTIAL LIST OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER. MR. GILLESPIE INDICATED THAT THIS LISTING WILL BE REVIEWED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, AND SUPPLEMENTED OR CORRECTED AS NECESSARY.

PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE NEW YORK OFFICE TERRITORY IS AS FOLLOWS:

APARTMENT 810-812 FIFTH AVE., NYC. OWNERSHIP REFLECTED BY SHARES IN COOPERATIVE APARTMENT CORPORATION AND PROPRIETARY LEASE; 13 W. 54TH ST., NYC. ACQUIRED FROM MR. AND MRS. JDR, JR.

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PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE ALBANY DIVISION IS AS FOLLOWS:

TOWN OF RICHMOND, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK. ACQUIRED FROM VARIOUS PARTIES AND HELD BY [redacted] AS NOMINEE. DEED DATED JULY 20, 1968, BOOK NUMBER 336, PAGE NUMBER 893; DEED DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1970, BOOK NUMBER 344, PAGE NUMBER 170; DEED DATED JUNE 14, 1971, BOOK NUMBER 349, PAGE NUMBER 1078; DEED DATED APRIL 13, 1972, BOOK NUMBER 356, PAGE NUMBER 939. b6 b7C

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SEAL HARBOR, MAINE, COVERED BY THE BOSTON OFFICE:

COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF MAINE PROPERTIES, TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT. "ANCHORAGE" AND LAND ON CROWNINSHIELD PT. WITH SMALL ISLAND KNOWN AS THRUMB CAP, ACQUIRED FROM [redacted], ET AL, DEED DATED NOVEMBER 9; 1939 BOOK NUMBER 669, PAGE NUMBER 558, TAX LOT NUMBER M1 L16; PART OF LOT (ANCHORAGE ROAD.), ACQUIRED FROM [redacted], DEED DATED MARCH 26, 1959, BOOK NUMBER 835, PAGE NUMBER 373, TAX LOT NUMBER M1 L16; CANDAGE WHARF AND BUILDINGS AT b6 b7C

DODGE'S PT., ACQUIRED FROM JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., DEED DATED OCTOBER 25, 1945, BOOK NUMBER 703, PAGE NUMBER 209, TAX LOT NUMBER M1 L16, M1 L18; BRACY HOMESTEAD WEST OF DODGE PT. RD. (REED HOUSE), ACQUIRED FROM JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., DEED DATED JANUARY 20, 1953, BOOK NUMBER 751, PAGE NUMBER 592, TAX LOT NUMBER M3 L11.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN RE TELETYPE, NEW YORK, ALBANY, AND BOSTON WILL DETERMINE WHETHER ANY REAL PROPERTY PERSONALLY OWNED BY THE NOMINEE IS ENCUMBERED WITH ANY COVENANTS PERTAINING TO RACE, COLOR, CREED OR RELIGION.

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TO: DIRECTOR (161-6197)

FROM ALBANY (161-965) (P) (1P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPI, BUDED: PAST.

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST 30, 1974.

TELEPHONE CALL TO NUMBER 518-GR4-8390 (NYS EXECUTIVE CHAMBER) REVEALS MICHAEL WHITEMAN NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3, 1974.

ALBANY WILL CONTACT WHITEMAN ON THAT DATE

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Mr. Coleman
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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Albany
Date: August 31, 1974

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Field Office File #: 161-965 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Copies of three letters from nominee to New York State Secretary of State in compliance with Section 74 subdivision 3-j of the New York State Public Officers Law obtained. Reinterview of Judge JOHN J. CLYNE, Albany County, NY, set forth. Information regarding three actions by Assemblyman HERBERT A. POSNER and others against nominee and others when nominee was New York State Governor set forth. Resolution in New York State Assembly introduced on 1/25/72, by New York State Assemblyman ARTHUR EVE, Buffalo, New York, to impeach nominee when he was New York State Governor was not voted on and was not brought to the floor of the New York State Assembly.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 29, 1974. b6 b7C

Miss [redacted], Clerk, Miscellaneous Records Section, New York State Department of State, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York, made available one copy each of the following described items: b6 b7C

1. Letter from NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER dated January 7, 1959, addressed to Honorable CAROLINE K. SIMON, Secretary of State, 164 State Street, Albany, New York.

2. Letter from NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, dated September 15, 1972, addressed to Honorable JOHN P. LOMENZO, Secretary of State, 164 State Street, Albany, New York.

3. Letter from NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER dated February 21, 1973, addressed to Honorable JOHN P. LOMENZO, supra.

One copy of each of these letters is attached hereto.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
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NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
GOVERNOR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

January 7, 1959

Hon. Caroline K. Simon
Secretary of State
164 State Street
Albany, New York

Dear Mrs. Simon:

In compliance with Section 74, subdivision 3-j, of the Public Officers Law, I list below activities subject to the jurisdiction of regulatory agencies of this State in which I have a financial interest of a value of $10,000 or more:

The Chase Manhattan Bank
Consolidated Edison Company of New York Inc.
Fidelity Phenix Fire Insurance Company of New York
Firemen's Fund Insurance Company
Hartford Fire Insurance Company
Merchants Fire Assurance Corporation of New York
National Bank of Westchester
Peerless Insurance Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
Travelers Insurance Company

Very truly yours,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
GOVERNOR

September 15, 1972

Hon. John P. Lomenzo
Secretary of State
164 State Street
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Lomenzo:

In compliance with Section 74, subdivision 3-j, of the Public Officers Law, I list below activities subject to the jurisdiction of regulatory agencies of this State in which I have a financial interest of a value of $10,000 or more:

(a) Personal Holdings.

Interstate United Corp.

(b) Trust Holdings.

Interests in the following activities are held in trusts of which I am only a life beneficiary and over which I have no power or control either with respect to the purchase or sale of assets or the distribution thereof:

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.
New York State Housing Finance Agency (Bonds)
New York State Power Authority (Bonds)
Port of New York Authority (Bonds)

Very truly yours,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

STATE OF NEW YORK
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STATE OF NEW YORK
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NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
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February 21, 1973

Hon. John P. Lomenzo
Secretary of State
164 State Street
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Lomenzo:

In compliance with Section 74, subdivision 3-j, of the Public Officers Law, I list below activities subject to the jurisdiction of regulatory agencies of this State in which I have a financial interest of a value of $10,000 or more:

(a) Personal Holdings.

None

(b) Trust Holdings.

Interests in the following activities are held in trusts of which I am only a life beneficiary and over which I have no power or control either with respect to the purchase or sale of assets or the distribution thereof:

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.
New York State Housing Finance Agency (Bonds)
New York State Power Authority (Bonds)
Port of New York Authority (Bonds)

Very truly yours,

Nelson A. Rockefeller

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 29, 1974: b6 b7C

Judge JOHN J. CLYNE, Albany County Court, Albany, New York, was recontacted and he advised that when he made reference when interviewed on August 27, 1974 to a law suit instituted by Mayor ERASTUS CORNING of Albany, New York against the South Mall Project, he was referring to Mr. CORNING'S efforts to obtain an injunction against the State of New York to stop the construction of the South Mall Project.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 29, 1974:

[redacted], Clerk, Albany County Clerk's Office, Albany, New York, supplied the following information concerning three actions against the nominee. b6 b7C

The action with index number 5369-71 is in the matter of the application of HERBERT A. POSNER and GUY R. BREWER, Petitioners, for a declaratory judgment under Article 30 and for an order under Article 78 Criminal Practice Law and Rules (CPLR) in the nature of mandamus against NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Governor of the State of New York, RICHARD L. DUNHAM, Director of the Budget of the State of New York, and ARTHUR LEVITT, Comptroller of the State of New York. This was a stipulation dated February 17, 1972 and contained no other information in the file.

The action with index number 7627-70 was at a special term of the Supreme Court, County of Albany, New York, on March 13, 1970, is in the matter of the application of HERBERT A. POSNER, GUY R. BREWER and ELI WAGER, Petitioners, for a declaratory judgment under Article 30, CPLR and for an order under Article 78, CPLR, in the nature of mandamus, against NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Governor of the State of New York, and T. NORMAN HURD, Director of the Budget of the State of New York.

This application was heard before the Honorable GEORGE L. COBB, Justice, on March 13, 1970, for a judgment declaring invalid certain appropriation bills submitted to the Legislature by the respondent, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Governor of the State of New York, and for an order in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to revise the appropriation bills submitted to the Legislature.

Upon reading and filing the order to show cause, dated March 9, 1970, signed by the Honorable JOHN H. PENNOCK, Justice of the Supreme Court, which initiated the proceeding,

and the verification of the petition on March 5 and 6, 1970, and the answer of the respondents verified on March 12, 1970, it was ordered and adjudged that the petition herein be and the same hereby dismissed and the relief requested therein be and the same hereby is denied.

Action with index number 9710-1969 was originally initiated in New York County, State of New York. This was later transferred to Albany County and was assigned number 206-70 and was heard at the special term, part 1, of the Supreme Court; State of New York, held at Albany County Courthouse on December 12, 1969.

This action is in the matter of the application of HERBERT A. POSNER, PETER A. A. BERLE, and GUY R. BREWER, petitioners, for a judgment under Article 78, CPLR in the nature of mandamus against NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, Governor of the State of New York and T. NORMAN HURD, Director of the Budget, the State of New York, and ARTHUR LEVITT, Comptroller of the State of New York, respondents.

In this Article 78 proceeding petitioners, as citizens, taxpayers, and Assemblymen of the State of New York, seek an order in the nature of mandamus, directing respondents to cease expending any further monies in accordance with certain provisions of the State Purposes Budget, the Local Assistance Budget, the Capital Construction Budget, and the Supplemental Budget adopted at the 1969 session of the New York State Legislature. The petition alleges that the appropriation bills containing the challenged provisions do not comply with the requirements of Article VII, of the New York State Constitution with respect to the adoption of an appropriation bill. Petitioners assert that certain of the budgetary items contained in the appropriation bills should have been submitted on a "line" basis with specific proposed expenditures for the particular "line items."

Petitioners claim that there are three ways in which the constitutional requirements were violated: (1) That the budgets, in a number of instances, consist of "lump sum" appropriations for generalized purposes; (2)

that the "line by line" itemization contained in other challenged provisions of the appropriation bills total in amount a sum in excess of the expenditure limit provided for all the items involved, and (3) that in some instances power is granted the Director of the Budget, of the State to transfer funds between programs and departments, thus again, rendering meaningless the legislative approval of a "line by line" budget.

The notice of petition was dated on July 1, 1969, and verified on July 1, 1969. Notice of respondents to dismiss the petition was dated July 14, 1969.

After due deliberation having been had by the Honorable GEORGE L. COBB, Justice, the decision of the court was handed down on January 3, 1970. It was hereby ordered and adjudged that the motion to dismiss the petition be and the same is hereby granted, without costs, on the ground that petitioners lack standing to bring the proceeding, either as citizens or taxpayers or as Assemblymen, and on the further ground that the proceeding was not timely commenced.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on August 30, 1974:

[redacted], Assistant Judicial Clerk, New York State Assembly Judicial Clerks Office, Albany, New York, advised that assembly resolution number 38, calling for the impeachment of Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, was introduced on January 25, 1972. She advised that the Resolution Guide and Rules Committee, New York State Assembly, had no other sponsors other than Assemblyman ARTHUR EVE, Buffalo, New York. She advised that no vote was taken and the resolution was not brought to the floor of the Assembly. b6 b7C

This resolution was introduced over the Attica incident and called for the impeachment with reasons listed as the nominee's failure to go to Attica, New York, for sending Military Police and Corrections personnel into the Attica Correctional Facility on September 13, 1971, and for the nominee's being unwilling or unable to use his executive authority to control the abuse of inmates and their rights in correctional state facilities.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG
Office: Miami, Florida
Date: August 31, 1974

Field Office File #: 161-1145
Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis:

VERNON JORDAN, Executive Director, National Urban League, New York City, described nominee as excellent choice for position for which being considered.

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DETAILS:

VERNON JORDAN, [redacted], Hartsdale, New York, Executive Director of the National Urban League, New York City, and a Trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, advised he has been working since 1963 in a program funded by the Rockefeller Foundation or the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. He first met nominee when he went to New York City about four and one-half years ago to direct the United Negro College Fund and has had some personal contact with nominee since that time. b6 b7C

JORDAN said he believes nominee to be an excellent choice for the position for which he has been nominated. He described nominee as eminently qualified by reason of temperament, "political savvy," courage and integrity for public office, and added that he has made a public statement to this effect. JORDAN

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believes nominee to be a man who is and will continue to be good for the entire country in his role as a public official. He stated he is aware of nothing which might disqualify nominee for the position for which he is being considered.

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 8-31-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

There is attached herewith photo copies of a Statement of Net Worth for the nominee dated 8-23-74 which was furnished today at 11:45 a.m. Also attached is a photo copy of a cover letter from the nominee's attorney, William E. Jackson.

By way of background information the following information is being furnished. There were numerous delays encountered in our efforts to obtain the Statement of Net Worth, the last of several promised delivery dates for the Statement was Friday at 3 p.m. We were told that Harold Bolton, Tax Counsel, was in Maine with the nominee seeking approval of the Statement at which time he would telephone New York and Samuel Gillespie, FBI liaison contact, would turn the Statement over to the Bureau following "inking in" any suggested changes required by the nominee. Numerous contacts were made late Friday and at 7 p.m. Gillespie advised that Bolton had arrived at the airport and apparently was tied up in traffic. He then stated it would be necessary to make certain changes in the Statement which would delay the delivery. He advised it would be appreciated if they could package the material to be turned over and leave it in the office space set aside for the FBI at the Rockefeller Center assuring that it would be left and under secure conditions. He stated the space was guarded and their Chief of Security was aware of the material already present in the room. We had previously advised Gillespie the FBI would not leave any of FBI material in the room but could not be responsible for the bulky records furnished for review which would be left there overnight. It was agreed that the FBI would pick up the Statement in the office space on Saturday morning and upon opening the package this morning it was discovered that the cover letter was present but no Statement of Net Worth. The only individual available for contact was Bolton and he was advised of the situation along with information

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1 - Mr. Gebhardt (Attention: Mr. Long)
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that the FBI could not accept the Statement of Net Worth under the conditions set forth in the cover letter. Bolton advised that the Statement apparently had erroneously been omitted and he would look in to the matter promptly.

Shortly thereafter Gillespie called from Maine and explained that he had probably erroneously left the Statement out of the package as it was very late Friday night when they finished adding corrections. Gillespie was then told that we had previously covered with him on several occasions the reporting and dissemination procedures which would be followed by the FBI and that this information had also been discussed with the nominee. He stated he would contact higher authority (William E. Jackson) and advise them of the FBI position. He related that the only reason the letter set forth certain instructions was that they desired to talk to the FBI before the report is disseminated to the Attorney General to insure the FBI has all the information. He said that the Net Worth Statement could be located by Harold Bolton and would be delivered to the FBI. He was advised that in addition to the dissemination of FBI reports the possibility existed that we might furnish the Attorney General information concerning the status of the investigation and pertinent information developed prior to disseminating the investigative reports. Gillespie advised he would bring this to the attention of higher authority.

A short time later Gillespie called again and advised that a new cover letter would be furnished on Tuesday morning eliminating the conditions of turnover; however, they desired that the FBI agree to inform them prior to the release of the Net Worth Statement and the Statement of Summary of Federal Tax Return Information to the Attorney General. He stated the purpose of the request was basically to permit them an opportunity to furnish any information that may have come to light which the FBI can consider for inclusion in the material being disseminated. He recognized that they would have no power whatsoever to stop the normal dissemination followed for investigative reports or the furnishing of this information by any other means to the Attorney General. Gillespie was advised the matter would be taken up with FBIHQ. He stated at that time Harold Bolton had the Statement of Net Worth in his office and was holding it pending a response from the FBI. He advised that should the FBI object to this condition he would like direct telephonic contact be made with William E. Jackson in Maine to discuss the matter further.

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
RE: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

After obtaining FBIHQ approval, Gillespie was advised that the FBI would advise him when the information is disseminated to the Department of Justice and shortly thereafter Harold Bolton delivered the Statement along with other material that had been requested.

A quick review was made of the Statement in Bolton's presence and it was pointed out to him that it really did not conform to the understanding previously reached withthem concerning the evaluation of assets. It had previously been agreed that there would be two columns, one for cost and a second for estimated current market value. Bolton advised that the Statement conforms to the Statement presented by President Ford at the time of his nomination for the Vice Presidency and contained a mixture of both cost and estimated values. He stated that the FBI should review same and any questions that arise would be answered. He was currently working on some accompanying notes to the Statement which he did not have sufficient time to complete which will add to the Statement. He appeared to be hedging somewhat when asked directly if the underlying ledgers and records would be made available. His answer was somewhat in the vein of "We'll cover that matter when you tell us what you would like to see."

The Statement is currently being reviewed and audit procedures will be set up to initiate immediate review of supporting material to prove the validity of the Statement. Also, a copy of the Statement will be furnished to WFO liaison agent who will interview the nominee on Tuesday for the purpose of having the nominee advise that to the best of his knowledge this represents his Net Worth on the listed date.

ACTION:

Procedures have been set up to insure no information is disseminated from the Statement of Net Worth and the Summary of Tax Information prior to advising Rockefeller's staff same is being accomplished.

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August 30, 1974

Mr. Joseph E. Henehan
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Henehan:

Pursuant to a request from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we are delivering herewith a statement of net worth of Mr. Nelson A. Rockefeller and his wife, Margaretta Fitler Rockefeller, and a summary of their Federal income tax returns for 1967-1973, inclusive, and a summary of taxes paid during the same years.

We must make it clear that Mr. Rockefeller is providing this statement and summary to you in confidence and that they may not be released in any form without the express prior approval of Mr. Rockefeller. It is further understood that while the statement and summary are being supplied in connection with the Bureau's investigation of Mr. Rockefeller as nominee for the Vice Presidency, they are being made available for examination solely by the

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President of the United States and those members of the Bureau working on the financial aspects of the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Jackson

Attorney for
Nelson A. Rockefeller

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NELSON A. and MARGARETTA F. ROCKEFELLER

Statement of Net Worth

August 23, 1974

ASSETS:		
Cash	$ 376,168	
Cash advances:		
[redacted] Account	1,000	b6
[redacted], Attorney	13,700	b7C
Wayfarer Ketch Corporation	16,000	
Greenrock Corporation	217,191	
Subtotal - Cash advances	247,891	
Notes receivable:		
Richard S. Aldrich	10,000	
[redacted]	15,000	
Harbor Club	500	
Edward L. Logue	100,000	b6
Monte Sacro, S. A.	837,000	b7C
Hugh Morrow	30,000	
Various employees	76,250	
Robusta, N.V.	270,000	
Rodman C. Rockefeller	20,250	
Steven C. Rockefeller	9,450	
[redacted]	25,000	
Subtotal - Notes receivable	1,393,450	
Accounts receivable:		
Antique Porcelain Co., Ltd.	4,403	
Aries Valcom	235,767	
Joan Braden	4,283	
CORE Special Purpose Fund	20,000	
Various employees	3,169	
International Graphic Arts Society, Inc.	14,000	
Monte Sacro, S. A.	447,479	
[redacted]	1,500	b6
Insurance claims	3,080	b7C
Interest paid on securities purchased	5,472	
Subtotal - Accounts receivable	739,153	
New York State retirement fund, contributed cost	21,803	
Securities:		
Aluminum Co. of America, stock	33,000	
American Telephone & Telegraph Co., stock	34,500	
Archer Daniels Midland, stock	1,065,873	
Capitol Hill Associates, Inc., stock, at cost	30,000	
Caterpillar Tractor Co., stock	194,775	
Coherent Radiation Laboratories, stock	128,250	

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Securities (continued):	
Continental Oil, stock	16,250
Corporate Property Investors, stock, at cost	300,000
Corning Glass Works, stock	151,125
Daniel International Corp., stock	24,750
Dow Chemical Co., stock	1,053,811
Eastman Kodak Co., stock	323,625
Exxon, stock	983,945
General Electric, stock	16,991
Greenrock Corporation, stock, at cost	20,942
Hewlett Packard Co., stock	95,011
Inlaca, stock, at cost	434,700
Intel, stock	15,438
International Basic Economy Corporation, stock	27,563
International Business Machines, stock	980,590
International Paper Co., stock	32,500
Itek Corp., stock	12,671
Linwood Development Corp., stock, at cost	5,000
Malnar, Ltd., stock, at cost	4,220,845
Marathon Oil Co., stock	233,680
Merchants Inc., stock	19,500
Merck Co., Inc., stock	17,288
Mobil Oil Corp., stock	183,154
Monte Sacro, S. A., stock, at cost	789,215
Newsweek, Inc., stock (common and preferred), at cost	200
Pan Ocean Oil Corp., stock	1,503
Polaroid Corp., stock	55,990
Reliance Electric Co., stock	157,500
Rockefeller Brothers, Inc., stock	4,125
Seal Harbor Water Co., stock, at cost	1,225
Standard Oil Company of California, stock	142,582
Standard Oil Company (Indiana), stock	403,900
Teledyne, stock	147,518
Texaco, Inc., stock	23,625
Urban National Corporation, fractional unit, at cost	10,000
Warner Lambert, stock	8,050
Wayfarer Ketch Corporation, stock, at cost	500
Westinghouse, stock	64,500
Banco de Investimentos Lar Brasiliero, negotiable certificate of deposit due March 21, 1976, at cost on May 30, 1974	77,872

Securities (continued):	
Banco de Investimentos Lar Brasiliero, negotiable certificate of deposit due June 3, 1976, at cost on June 14, 1974	147,530
Harbor Club, bond, at cost	8,500
Linwood Development Corporation, bonds, at cost	20,000
Monte Sacro, S. A., bonds, at cost	124,820
Northwest Iron Co., bonds, at cost	66,667
Seal Harbor Water Co., bonds, at cost	21,000
Subtotal - Securities	12,932,599
Partnership interests:	
640-Leisure, at cost	14,906
Venrock Associates, estimated market value December 31, 1973	195,544
Subtotal - Partnership interests	210,450
Art, porcelains and silver, at estimated value	24,145,725
Less: Art pledged to charitable organizations, at estimated value	14,122,000
Subtotal - Art, porcelains and silver	10,023,725
Real estate:	
Cooperative apartment, New York City, at cost	1,390,057
13-15 West 54th Street, New York City, at cost	568,157
20-22 West 55th Street, New York City, at cost	612,732
Residences and other properties, Pocantico Hills, New York, at cost	4,623,558
Pocantico Hills, New York (one-fourth interest), at cost	3,875,901
Property in Tioga County, New York, at cost	118,600
2500 Foxhall Road, Washington, D. C., at cost	511,988
Summer Home, Seal Harbor, Maine, at cost	519,546
Deposit on purchase of property in Kenedy and Willacy Counties, Texas, and expenses in connection therewith	434,603
Shopping Center, Moorestown, New Jersey (one-fourth interest), at December, 1972 appraised value of equity interest, plus capital additions, less depreciation	928,086
974-990 Madison Avenue, New York City (one-fourth interest), at December, 1972 appraised value of equity interest, plus capital additions, less depreciation	342,914
567 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills, New York	77,284
Subtotal	14,003,426
Less: Real estate to be transferred to charitable organizations by will	6,327,790
Subtotal - Real estate	7,675,636

NELSON A. and MARGARETTA F. ROCKEFELLER
Statement of Net Worth
August 23, 1974

Furnishings:		
Offices, New York City		230,173
Apartment, New York City		431,656
13 West 54th Street, New York City		29,349
Pocantico Hills, New York		311,970
Foxhall Road, Washington, D. C.		71,708
Seal Harbor, Maine		75,849
Venezuela		38,644
Wayfarer Ketch Corporation office, Westchester County, New York		1,979
Subtotal - Furnishings		1,191,328
Automobiles, other vehicles, boats and airplanes:		
Automobiles and other vehicles		213,300
Boats		140,000
Aerojet Commander airplane (one-third interest)		279,700
Grumman Gulfstream airplane (one-third interest)		1,064,600
Bell helicopter (one-sixth interest)		70,300
Subtotal - Automobiles, other vehicles, boats and airplanes		1,767,900
Jewelry, at cost		521,136
Coins		12,600
Total Assets		37,113,839
LIABILITIES:		
Notes payable:		
The Chase Manhattan Bank, N. A.		1,250,000
Estate of Winthrop Rockefeller		280,000
Rockefeller Brothers ($50,000 less one-fourth owed to Nelson A. Rockefeller)		37,500
Subtotal - Notes payable		1,567,500
Accounts payable:		
Gift taxes due November 15, 1974, estimate	2,500,000	
Miscellaneous accounts payable	5,513	
Subtotal - Accounts payable	2,505,513	
Total Liabilities		4,073,013
NET WORTH		$33,040,826

1 - Mr. Callahan
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September 9, 1974

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] New York 11375

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

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I have received your letter of August 31, 1974, with enclosures. The information furnished by you has been made a part of the official records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kelly: Attention: Mr. Kelly, Director

It is stated frequently in the news that the F. B. I. is making a thorough investigation of Nelson Rockefeller, the prospective candidate for Vice President.

A frequent and prevalent rumor is "Oh, Rockefeller will be whitewashed." Now I don't believe that, but I will believe it if Mr. Rockefeller's statements in his book, "The Future of Federalism," excerpts of which I am enclosing, are not questioned in this investigation. His dangerous views proposing World Federalism and Regional Governments are much more important than his financial entanglements. NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Do you believe that a man who says publicly in a book, that our Constitutional Government is "a chaos of nation-states," can honestly take an oath of office to protect and defend our Constitution? Ask Mr. Rockefeller.

And his regional government idea is poisonous. Some years ago I attended a Regional Government Convention at the Roosevelt, at which Mr. Rockefeller spoke. He was then proposing a Three-State (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut) Government. He said the plan was being pushed by the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation. The plan was defeated eventually.

Is it safe to have a man with these ideas for our Vice President? I don't believe it is.

These words in Mr. Rockefeller's book, espousing World Federalism quite frankly, are not my words, but HIS, and if they are ignored by the F. B. I. and the Senate and House Committees, to whom I have sent copies of the excerpts, then I will know that Nelson Rockefeller is being whitewashed.

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Credentials: I was on the Board of Directors of National Review magazine for 15 years. I resigned last year and am now an Honorary Member.

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August 23, 1974

Senator Rodino
Chairman House Judiciary Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Rodino:

I am enclosing some verbatim excerpts from Nelson Rockefeller's book, "The Future of Federalism." They are his words, not mine, his views proposing World Federalism.

Our citizens, I believe, have a right to know the views of any man appointed or elected to high office. That is much more important than knowing about the financial dealings of a man. Some time ago, however, the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation was pushing a "regional government" idea for three states (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut). The idea was defeated. I attended the Regional Government Convention at the Roosevelt.

It is the duty of your Committee to ask Neldon Rockefeller the following questions:

1. Do you believe in a World Federal Government?

2. Do you believe that what we did with the Thirteen Colonies in 1776, we can and should do with the world of today?

3. Do you believe that our Constitutional Government is a "chaos of nation-states?"

4. Do you believe we should have a "shared sovereignty" with the world?

If you believe these things, as you say in your book that you do, how can you, in conscience, take an oath of office to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States? None of the above ideas are true to the Constitution.

If your Committee neglects to ask these questions, you will have failed in your duty

Sincerely,

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Excerpts From: The Future of Federalism

By Nelson A. Rockefeller

Taken from the Godkin Lectures

Published by Harvard University Press

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" Ultimately, the great part of our debt to the past may lie in this fact: the federal idea, so basic to both personal freedom and national unity in the history of America, can now be extended and applied to bring order , strength, and progress to the world of free people."

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"The Federal Idea: The federal idea: what does this mean? I refer to the federal idea broadly as a concept of government by which a sovereign people, for their greater progress and protection, yield a portion of their sovereignty to a political system that has more than one center of sovereign power, energy, and creativity....The federal idea, then, is above all an idea of a shared sovereignty at all times responsive to the needs and will of the people in whom sovereignty ultimately resides."

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" It is then, an historic challenge. In its full sweep, it requires us, as Americans, to do two things. It invites us to look to our past inward, upon our own national experience with the federal idea. And it summons us to look to our future - outward in a vision that can embrace the destiny of all free peoples. We see, as we look upon our own past, beginning with our birth as a nation, the historic host of achievements so closely bound to our own practice of the federal idea...the blending of thirteen separate sovereignties into a federal union that would bring civil order and peace - to a whole continent.... Yet - when we look outward upon the world of the midtwentieth century - we must face the clear challenge of a paradox. All the triumphs of our own national life still do not assure even our national security in the world we live in. ...There is the inexorable need of all free peoples to devise new formulas of unity - for their physical security, their political stability, their economic progress...a need quite as compelling as that which required this union of colonies into a new nation almost two centuries ago... Thus are we led - by our own experience as a people and as a nation - to turn and face the world, and boldly seek the answer to the question: how can all free peoples, so fatefully bound together in this twentieth century, attain such unity and strength as free men of the eighteenth century built upon this land of ours."

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Chapter III - Federalism and Free World Order

" I dedicate this final lecture to one basic proposition . It is this, the federal idea, which our Founding Fathers applied in their historic act of political creation in the eighteenth century, can be applied in this twentieth century, in the larger context of the world of free nations - if we will but match our forefathers in courage and vision....Political creation, not improvisation, is the order of the day. And anything less than a grand design - a major idea and a lofty sense of purpose - is too puny for the time in which we live.... Of all times in our history, this would be the most inconceivable in which to dismiss or to disparage any truly creative political concept as too bold or too large to meet the challenges of the hour....We have failed, however, to face up to the fundamental political problem - the creation of a free world structure of order and unity....And we can begin this historic task by recognizing the political relevance of the federal idea to the destiny of the free world as a whole."

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" It is a tragic fact that the free world today offers no secure structure of international order within which the basic aspirations of free men may be realized, and the safety and rights of free nations be guarded....Just as the nation-state is becoming less and less competent to perform its international political tasks, the number of such states has been increasing, with a speed unmatched in history. ...The historic choice fast rushing upon us, then, is no less than this: either the free nations of the world will take the lead in adapting the federal concept to their relations, or, one by one,we may be driven into the retreat of the perilous isolationism - political, economic, and intellectual - so ardently sought by the Soviet policy of divide-and-conquer. These are the facts of life that free men must face. They constitute a challenge that would essentially be just as profound and urgent if there were no Communist menace to torment free peoples anywhere on earth. This challenge is how can free nations design a political structure for their world, in which free men can enjoy a life that will respect the dignity of the individual and allow them to work out their own destinies, realize their national aspirations, enhance their opportunities for progress, and join with their neighbors in a society secure from violence and assault?

" I believe, as I have said, that the answer to the historic problems the free world confronts can be found in the federal idea. I am not speaking of panaceas or slogans, nor of fanciful blueprints or meticulous (and meaningless) charts. I am speaking of a direction in which free men can begin to think, to act, and - in the case of the United States - to lead....Many of these steps mean major breaks with the traditions of the past....Everywhere now the political bills are coming due - as we are called upon to pay the price for years of mere improvisation.

" Here - with this blunting and stifling of the creative energy of free enterprise - we pay one of the heaviest prices for our failure to achieve a structure for international order. Our fragmentary approach has not given free enterprise capitalism a chance to serve the needs of the people of the free world as it has in the United States....

" All these, then, are some of the reasons - economic, military, political - pressing us to lead vigorously toward the true building of a new world order. And it urgently requires , I believe, that the United States take the leadership among all free peoples to make the underlying concepts and aspirations of national sovereignty truly meaningful through the federal approach.

" All the problems we face have this in common: we cannot solve one of them in isolation. And in their basic nature these problems are strikingly similar to those faced by the original 13 American colonies - problems of security and of trade, of growth and of order, and above all, the human aspirations of the free individual. I have long felt that the road toward the unity of free nations lay through regional confederations. ...I believe that our advances toward unity must now extend to action between regions as well as within them. Some problems before us may well be capable of solution only within a political framework larger than simple regionalism.

" I was wholeheartedly committed to the battle at San Francisco Conference in 1945 for inclusion of Article 52 in the United Nations Charter, to permit regional arrangements within UN framework. And I certainly do not now abandon my belief in the value and importance of regional arrangements among free nations. But I have come to the conviction that events are driving us rapidly beyond even the limits of regional concepts - to the logic of applying the federal idea wherever possible, among free nations however distant, however seemingly strong in themselves. For the force and value of the federal idea are not limited to the small, newer, weaker nations. The need is just as great for the most traditionally powerful.

" Just as the operation of our own national economy and social life is interdependent with a federal system of government, assuring freedom and order, so just as dramatically do the economic and social workings of a free economy in the world require movement toward a federal idea, bringing order to the chaos of nation-states....Just as no city or country or state within our Federal Union can live unto itself and meet its problems, so it is equally impossible for any nation - to secure its own freedom by its own resources.

" The American experience with federalism has meaning for the world. ...Out of this, I would prophesy that - sooner perhaps than we may realize and despite the enormity of the apparent difficulties - there will evolve the bases for a federal structure of the free world....May the generation that is now rising throw themselves into this glorious enterprise, for the benefit of the entire world."

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted], New York

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ON AUG 29,1974, BY RETEL, ALBANY AND NEW YORK FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE IN "TIMES UNION," A DAILY ROCHESTER, NY NEWSPAPER, DATED DEC. 19, 1973, DISCLOSES REPORT BY NY WELFARE INSPECTOR GENERAL GEORGE F. BERLINGER DESCRIBED AS "BASELESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE ALLEGATIONS" THAT NOMINEE HAD IMPROPERLY INFLUENCED AWARDING OF STATE CONTRACTS TO COMPUTER FIRM, ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS INC., HEADED BY TEXAS MILLIONAIRE H. ROSS PEROT. ISSUE WAS THAT THREE AWARDS, TOTALING $165,000, FOR PRELIMINARY STUDIES ON COMPUTERIZING STATE'S WELFARE AND MEDICAL PROGRAMS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ABOVE FIRM. THOSE WHO MADE ORIGINAL ALLEGATIONS WERE NY CITY'S HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION HEAD [redacted] AND REPRESENTATIVE BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL, DEM., NY, AND NYC MUNICIPAL UNION LEADER VICTOR GOTBAUM.

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ARTICLE IN "BUFFALO EVENING NEWS," A DAILY NEWSPAPER AT BUFFALO, NY, SEPT. 18, 1971, DISCLOSES BROOKLYN, NY ASSEMBLYMAN VANDER BEATTY, DEM, 54TH DISTRICT, INTERVIEWED AT ENTRANCE OF ATTICA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (ACF). ATTICA, NY, AND PUBLICLY ACCUSED NOMINEE "TOTALLY OF MURDER. HE WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE THE ORDER NOT THE TROOPERS." THIS REFERENCE IS TO THE OVERTAKING OF ACF ON SEPT. 13,1971, BY NYS TROOPERS WHICH RESULTED IN 42 LIVES LOST. BEATTY WENT ON TO STATE THAT HE DOUBTED IF THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE IN NYS WOULD SUPPORT IMPEACHMENT, HOWEVER, BEATTY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD "PRESS BLACK PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE DRIVE," AND THAT HE WOULD CALL FOR NOMINEE'S IMPEACHMENT. ANOTHER ARTICLE IN SAME PAPER, DEC 23, 1971, DISCLOSED THAT ON OR ABOUT THAT DATE A CLASS ACTION HAD BEEN FILED IN NYC FED.COURT ON BEHALF OF INMATES AT ACF ACCUSING NOMINEE AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF MURDER, MANSLAUGHTER, ASSAULT AND LARCENY. COMPLAINT FILED BY ATTORNEYS OF "CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS" AND STATE ASSEMBLYMAN ARTHUR O. EVE, DEM., BUFFALO. ALSO NAMED WAS MICHAEL D. RATNER AS ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS.

ON AUG 29,1974, MRS. [redacted], b6 b7C WILLIAMSVILLE, NY, ADVISED [redacted], FORMER NYS ASSEMBLYMAN CHESTER R. HARDT, REP. WHO RESIGNED AS NYS ASSEMBLYMAN MAY 29, 1974, IS NOW EMPLOYED BY NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSIT AUTHORITY, STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BUFFALO, NY. SHE ALSO ADVISED MR. HARDT IS PRESENTLY AT A FAIR AT SYRACUSE, NY, WORKING IN A BOOTH AT FAIR FOR NYS ASSEMBLYMAN SPEAKER PERRY DURYEA AND NYS GOVERNOR MALCOLM WILSON.

MR . EDWIN F. JAECKLE, ATTORNEY OF FIRM JAECKLE, FLEISCHMANN AND MUGEL, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 700 LIBERTY BANK BLDG., BUFFALO, NY, ADVISED BURDELL BIXBY WAS NOMINEE'S FORMER CAMPAIGN MANAGER DURING EACH OF NOMINEE'S CAMPAIGNS FOR GOVERNOR OF STATE OF NY.

ALBANY AT SYRACUSE, INTERVIEW FORMER NYS ASSEMBLYMAN CHESTER R. HARDT AT SYRACUSE FAIR.

ALBANY INTERVIEW BURDELL BIXBY AT HIS OFFICE AT NYS THRUWAY AUTHORITY EXEC. OFFICES.

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NEW YORK AT NYC, INTERVIEW APPROP. INDIVIDUALS TO RESOLVE ABOVE NEWS ARTICLE FROM "TIMES UNION," DEC 19,1973.

WILL NOTE REMARKS BY ASSEMBLYMAN VANDER BEATTY AND POSSIBLE PENDING SUIT AGAINST NOMINEE IN FEDERAL COURT BY ATTORNEYS OF "CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS".

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted]
Date: September 3, 1974

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Field Office File #: 161-955

Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: J. IRWIN MILLER, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Cummins Engine Company, Incorporated, 301 Washington Street, Columbus, Indiana, advised he has known ROCKEFELLER for the past 7 years, becoming acquainted with him when ROCKEFELLER was a candidate for the Republican nominee for President of the United States in 1968. MILLER stated he was Chairman of the "ROCKEFELLER for President Committee" in 1968. He related, ROCKEFELLER is a most capable individual and leader whom he would recommend highly for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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DETAILS:

[redacted]

J. IRWIN MILLER, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Cummins Engine Company, Incorporated, business address 301 Washington Street, Columbus, Indiana, was interviewed on September 3, 1974, at his office.

MILLER advised he became acquainted with ROCKEFELLER in 1967, when ROCKEFELLER was a candidate for the Republican nominee for President of the United States. He stated he (MILLER) was the Chairman for the "ROCKEFELLER for President Committee." He further related his contact with the nominee has been political, and he has had no business dealings with the Vice President nominee.

MILLER explained he has been personally acquainted with all of ROCKEFELLER's brothers, either through business or conservation activities. He pointed out the nominee and his brothers are all

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respected as leaders and organizers. He stated he knows of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning any of the ROCKEFELLERs.

MILLER advised it is his opinion that the nomination of ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States is one of the best political appointments made in the Federal Government in the past 30 years. He stated he recommends ROCKEFELLER as a most capable individual and leader, and he would give him his highest recommendation for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965) (P)
NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN.

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TO ALBANY SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, AND NEW YORK TELETYPE TO ALBANY DATED AUGUST 24, 1974, CONCERNING ALLEGATION BY NEW YORK STATE SENATOR JACK E. BRONSTON THAT NOMINEE QUOTE BOUGHT STATE SENATOR JOSEPH ZARETZKI FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE ENQUOTE BY ARRANGING FOR ZARETZKI'S SELECTION AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE IN 1965. INQUIRY AT ZARETZKI'S LEGISLATIVE OFFICE AT ALBANY, NEW YORK, DISCLOSED ZARETZKI WILL BE IN NEW YORK CITY FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS AND CAN BE REACHED AT TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]. NEW YORK INTERVIEW ZARETZKI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197) (MAIL) AND
SAC, ALEXANDRIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5674) (P)(1P)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST 28, 1974.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO AUGUST 21, 1974, AND WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO ALEXANDRIA SEPTEMBER 3, 1974.

ON INSTANT DATE, MAJOR [redacted] STREET, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD SOME INFORMATION INVOLVING POSSIBLE COMPROMISING OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE OF VALUE IN THE BUREAU'S INVESTIGATION OF ROCKEFELLER. MAJOR [redacted] ADVISED THAT HE WISHED TO BE CONTACTED AT HIS HOME AT NOON SEPTEMBER 4, 1974, AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD GIVE ALL THE DETAILS HE HAD REGARDING THIS MATTER. MAJOR [redacted] ADVISED THAT HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR
MILWAUKEE

FROM CHICAGO (161-2939) (P) 1P

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MILWAUKEE, AUGUST 23, 1974 AND NEWARK TELETYPE TO CHICAGO, AUGUST 30, 1974.

ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1974, MRS. [redacted], [redacted] b6 b7C
ROAD, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT [redacted], A
FAMILY AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF ROCKEFELLER'S FROM ROSEMONT, NEW JERSEY, COULD BE REACHED IN C/O MRS. [redacted], [redacted], MADISON, WISCONSIN.

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MILWAUKEE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN. WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] RE b6 b7C
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-6197)

SAC, NEW YORK (161-2961)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (161-965)

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER, SPIN, BUDED: PAST.

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 29, 1974.

NEW YORK WELFARE INSPECTOR GENERAL GEORGE F. BERLINGER IS ON THE STAFF OF GOVERNOR WILSON AND CAN BE LOCATED AT THE HOTEL ROOSEVELT IN NEW YORK CITY.

BURDELL BIXBY CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT HE WAS PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY A NEW YORK AGENT. OK

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE ASSEMBLYMAN HARDT AT SYRACUSE FAIR DETERMINED HE HAD RETURNED TO BUFFALO.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Albany, New York 12207

August 23, 1974

RE: J. GILBERT MAURER

In connection with a Special Inquiry Investigation regarding Vice President nominee NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, J. GILBERT MAURER, Route 9, Round Lake, New York, was interviewed concerning allegations of malfeasance in office by former Governor ROCKEFELLER. Several articles written by MAURER which appeared in the Greater Colonie Townsman, a weekly community newspaper published in Saratoga Springs, New York, called for ROCKEFELLER'S impeachment and alleged corruptions in former Governor ROCKEFELLER'S cabinet.

When questioned whether or not he had ever met ROCKEFELLER, MAURER stated he had not, but did recall once 11 or 12 years ago, they were together in an elevator in the New York State Capitol Building. MAURER off-handidly stated, when the elevator stopped and the Governor exited, he noticed that the Govenor was a short, broad-shouldered individual and as he walked down the corridor MAURER stated "I thought at the time, if I had a weapon and had been so inclined, but I am not, I could have shot him." MAURER further stated that he does not own any firearms and never has owned a firearm. The following description of MAURER was obtained through observation and interview:

J. Gilbert Maurer

Name:	JACOB GILBERT MAURER
Address:	Route 9, Round Lake, New York
Dob:	February 20, 1909
Pob:	Groten Lake, New York
Height:	6 foot
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Brown-gray
Eyes:	Blue
SSAN:	074-14-8580

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Buffalo, New York b6 b7C

Date: 9/3/74

Field Office File #: 161-394 Bureau File #: 161-6197

Title: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Former New York State Senator recontacted regarding any possible undue pressure directed at him by nominee concerning passage of New York State no-fault insurance law which nominee favored. He advised he knows of no such pressure being brought about by nominee and that he knows of no unethical practices on the part of the nominee.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE A. HEVERON at Rochester, New York, on September 3, 1974:

THOMAS LAVERNE, Attorney, 36 West Main Street, and former New York State Senator, was recontacted concerning any undue pressure which may have been directed at him by the nominee with regard to the passage of the New York State no-fault insurance law. LAVERNE advised that nominee, when he was Governor of New York State, very much favored passage of a New York State no-fault insurance law. LAVERNE pointed out that, in his opinion, this law favored insurance companies rather than the attorneys who might be involved in civil suits with their clients following automobile accidents. LAVERNE advised that he was not in favor of passage of this legislation as it was then written and felt that it favored the insurance companies' position in these matters too strongly.

LAVERNE recalled, with regard to the above, that at least on one occasion he had a very serious discussion with the nominee and that on this occasion the nominee was upset with him as they had opposing views. LAVERNE advised that at no time was any undue, unnecessary, or unethical pressure of any nature whatsoever used by the nominee in an attempt to influence him. LAVERNE pointed out that he continued to oppose this legislation; however, he and the nominee continued to be good friends. LAVERNE stated that he has the utmost respect for the nominee and knows of absolutely no unethical practices on the part of nominee in creating pressure on the New York State Senators. LAVERNE also advised that he favors confirmation of the nominee as Vice President of the U. S.

1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Coleman
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. Auerswald

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September 3, 1974

BY LIAISON

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 12-19-91 BY 9803 RDD/KSC

Dear General Haig:

In accordance with your request received on August 20, 1974, an investigation has been conducted concerning Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, former Governor of New York and ~~Vice-President Designate.~~ Transmitted herewith are the results of that investigation as well as the results of prior background investigations conducted concerning Governor Rockefeller. The results of these investigations are also being furnished to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General. Two extra copies of the results are being furnished to the Attorney General in the event it is desired that they be furnished to the appropriate Congressional Committees.

Summarizing generally, during the current investigation so far we have interviewed over 1250 people from all walks of life, including labor union officials, state and Federal legislators, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders, and representatives of the business community. The vast majority of persons interviewed have furnished highly favorable comments concerning Governor Rockefeller and feel President Gerald R. Ford made an excellent choice. However, some persons interviewed were opposed to Governor Rockefeller's nomination as Vice President.

An individual, who requested anonymity and who is a former United States Ambassador, has advised he believes Governor Rockefeller to be ruthless and ambitious and to have no hesitancy in attempting to ruin anyone who thwarts his ambitions. He said Governor Rockefeller has no organizational ability and is a demanding egocentric. He also said that although

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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Governor Rockefeller has a reputation of being an expert on South America he really does not know what is going on there. Although during the 1969 investigation this individual declined to recommend Governor Rockefeller, during the current investigation he recommended him for Vice President, with reserve, stating, "We could have a lot worse."

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General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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The Attorney General

September 3, 1974

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Mr. [redacted]
Plymouth House East
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Dear Mr. [redacted]:

This is in reference to your letter of August 25th setting forth your observations regarding the Vice President-designate, Nelson Rockefeller. I want to thank you for writing and appreciate your interest.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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August 25, 1974.

Dear Director,

As far as I know Nelson Rockefeller performed properly as Governor of the State of New York. The only possibly incorrect action I can think of was in regard the issue of abortion reform in our state. A member of the legislature campaigned in opposition to any change of the abortion law and against abortion upon demand and was easily elected. When Mr. Rockefeller's presidency was put on hold to change his vote, and he did, evening abortion upon demand for Nicky. The next election the people voted him out and the Governor [illegible] paying state [illegible]

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I suggest investigation this issue on Rockefeller's Vice President looking as from a citizen concerned with the best qualified man for office. I believe he is innocent of [illegible] but believe you are asking citizens for any possible negative proof or where to look for any negative proof.

FORMER DEMOCRAT

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[redacted]

Malcolm A Lobrich
Plaintiff

NCIC
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Plaintiff, Pro Se
Howard Beach, New York 11414

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 9-3-74

FROM : O. E. Coleman

SUBJECT: NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER
VICE PRESIDENT - DESIGNATE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that the bulk of the background investigation concerning Rockefeller has been completed and to recommend that the results be furnished to General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., at The White House, the Attorney General, and the Deputy Attorney General. The request for investigation was received from General Haig on the evening of 8-20-74 and investigation was commenced on 8-21-74.

Thus far there have been 34 field offices involved in the investigation. We also have outstanding leads being handled by the Legat in Caracas, Venezuela, where Rockefeller has extensive holdings. The completed portion of the investigation contains the results of some 1250 interviews with people from all walks of life including labor union officials, state and Federal legislators, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, civil rights leaders, representatives of the business community, etc. In addition, the results of prior favorable background investigation conducted concerning Rockefeller are being furnished.

The vast majority of persons interviewed thus far have furnished highly favorable comments concerning Rockefeller and they feel President Ford made an excellent choice. Of course, there are numerous individuals who are opposed to Rockefeller's nomination, many for purely political reasons.

Governor Rockefeller was born on July 8, 1908, in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College in 1930, receiving an A.B. degree. He and Mary Todhunter

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Clark were married in 1930. She was granted a divorce from him on March 16, 1962, on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. Governor Rockefeller and his present wife, the former Margaretta Fitler Murphy, were married in May, 1963. For many years Rockefeller held various positions in the family business enterprises as well as top-level positions in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and was Governor of New York from January, 1959, to December, 1973.

[redacted], [redacted] who requested anonymity, advised that he believes Rockefeller to be ruthless and ambitious and has no hesitancy in attempting to ruin anyone who thwarts his ambitions. He said Rockefeller has no organizational ability and is a demanding egocentric. He also said that although Rockefeller has a reputation of being an expert on South America he really does not know what is going on there. Although [redacted] during the current investigation he recommended him for Vice President, with reserve, stating, "We could have a lot worse." b6 b7C b7D

Jacob K. Javits and James L. Buckley, U. S. Senators from New York, both recommended Rockefeller, as did other leaders of the Senate and House. Some stated that although they have had their political differences with Rockefeller they feel he is a good choice.

Several Democratic Representatives in the New York Delegation either declined to recommend Rockefeller or indicated reservations in recommending him based primarily on his actions while serving as Governor of New York. Alleged excessive campaign expenditures on his part and his handling of the riot which occurred at the Attica Prison, Attica, New York, in 1971, were principally among matters which they cited.

Some New York State legislators as well as prominent New York citizens (a distinct minority of those interviewed), criticized Rockefeller for his stand in favor of liberalized abortion laws; his alleged excessive spending of State funds; the high taxes in New York State; his divorce and subsequent remarriage; his alleged misuse of executive power in getting his programs passed; his handling of the Attica Prison uprising; his advocacy of stiff sentences for drug violations; and his alleged insensitivity to the needs of welfare recipients.

Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
Re: Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller

In August, 1974, information was received from the Watergate Special Prosecution Force that certain documents belonging to [redacted] were secreted in a safe deposit box in Pulaski, Virginia. These documents allegedly stated Rockefeller contributed funds to the McGovern Presidential Campaign and had hired thugs to disrupt the Democratic Convention if McGovern was not nominated. Investigation did not substantiate this allegation and the Watergate Special Prosecution Force has requested no further investigation of the matter. b6 b7C

Due to the necessity for the Rockefeller staff to compile extensive financial information in New York for our accountants, which Rockefeller desires to personally approve, investigation into Rockefeller's financial background has only just begun and will be completed as quickly as possible. In addition to the leads outstanding in Venezuela there are leads involving interviews with individuals who have not been available, including the former husband of his present wife. Rockefeller's office is presently in the process of obtaining and furnishing information concerning his real estate holdings and organizational affiliations, which will necessitate further investigation. Undoubtedly additional leads, which cannot now be anticipated, will develop from the investigation into his financial background.

ACTION:

Attached are letters to General Haig at The White House and to the Attorney General (with copy to the Deputy Attorney General) transmitting the results of our investigation thus far. Three copies of the results of the investigation are being furnished to the Attorney General for use in the review by the appropriate Congressional Committees, as was done in the Ford case.

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 8-31-74, captioned as above, concerning the Rockefeller financial statement which was furnished to SA Joseph E. Henehan on that date. You will recall the financial statement was accompanied by a letter signed by Mr. Rockefeller's attorney, William E. Jackson, which would severely limit our dissemination of information from this statement.

SA Henehan advised at 9:25 a.m. today that he had been told by attorney Samuel Gillespie this morning that a revised letter had been prepared for the signature of Mr. Jackson which letter requests the Bureau to notify the Rockefeller staff when information from the financial statement has been disseminated to the Attorney General. Gillespie said he will make the new letter available as soon as Mr. Jackson approves it.

Now that we have received the financial statement, SA Henehan hopes to complete the accounting phase of this investigation in a week to ten days, and certainly not longer than two weeks; that its completion will depend substantially on the cooperation received from Rockefeller staff members who, SA Henehan says, are extremely cautious.

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New York reports of SA JOHN E. WARREN, dated 8/24/74 and 8/28/74.

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The confidential source mentioned in this report in connection with the [redacted] is [redacted]. Bureau referred to New York file [redacted] entitled "LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER, SPECIAL INQUIRY", New York report of SA WILLIAM J. GROVES dated 8/26/58.

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On 8/26/74, Miss [redacted], Secretary to Mr. HARRY VAN ARSDALE, Chairman of Central Labor Committee of New York, advised that Mr. VAN ARSDALE is currently not available for contact but that a representative of the FBI had interviewed Mr. [redacted] his Chief Administrative Assistant, and Mr. [redacted] had shared the same views as Mr. VAN ARSDALE and those of the Central Labor Committee of New York. b6 b7C

On 8/26/74, [redacted], Secretary to United States Representative BERTHRAM L. PODELL, Democrat, Kings County, New York, advised SA [redacted] that Congressman PODELL had been made aware of the FBI's inquiry regarding NELSON ROCKEFELLER. [redacted] stated that Congressman PODELL is currently in the last two weeks of a political campaign and has no time to talk to FBI Agents regarding ROCKEFELLER. b6 b7C

On 8/27/74, Ms. [redacted], Administrative Assistant to TOM WICKER, Associate Editor, "The New York Times", New York City, advised that WICKER was on an extended vacation until after Labor Day, that he is in occasional contact with the newspaper, and upon his next contact he would be made aware of the New York Office's interest in interviewing him. b6 b7C

On 9/3/74, Ms. [redacted] advised that she had been in contact with TOM WICKER, and the latter had told her that he was not interested in making any comments whatsoever concerning the nomination of NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

For information of the Bureau, Dr. JAMES S. MURPHY, former husband of MARGARETTA FITLER ROCKEFELLER, Associate Professor, Rockefeller University, New York City, has been located at [redacted] residence in New Hampshire. The Boston Office was telephonically requested on 9/3/74 to contact and interview MURPHY through a telephone number furnished them, that date, by the New York Office. b6 b7C

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LEADS

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will obtain waiver to review divorce hearings records, Reno, Nevada, regarding nominee and MARY TODHUNTER CLARK ROCKEFELLER from the latter's lawyer, WHITNEY NORTH SEYMOUR, SR., 1 Battery Park Plaza, New York City.

2. Will determine whether any real property personally owned by the nominee is or is not encumbered with any covenants pertaining to race, color, creed or religion.

3. Will report information pertaining to organizations in which the nominee has held membership, a list of 146 being made available by the nominee's office on 8/31/74.

4. Will interview JOHN WELLS, Attorney, Royall, Koegel, Rogers and Wells, 200 Park Avenue, New York City, regarding VICTOR LASKY'S book "Arthur J. Goldberg; The Old And The New" (published 1970), upon his contacting the New York Office on 9/4/74.

5. UACB, will attempt to locate and interview JOHN V. LINDSAY, former Mayor of the City of New York, who has returned to the United States from an eight month trip abroad but up to 9/4/74 has been vacationing in the United States at an unknown location. It may be noted that upon his return to the United States, LINDSAY took up residence at the Hotel Des Artistes, 1 West 67th Street, New York City.

6. Will expeditiously handle any leads necessitated by the review of the ROCKEFELLER financial papers.

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The sources mentioned on page 25 are as follows:

[redacted] (8/49) (Bufile [redacted]
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Testimony of Walter S. Steele, before the House Special Committee on Un-American Activities (1938) (Bufile [redacted]
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Synopsis: Political leaders, New York State (NYS) Assemblymen, and business leaders recommend nominee as a man of unquestioned moral integrity, one with outstanding ability, and excellent choice for the position of Vice President of the United States. NYS Senator JACK E. BRONSTON advised that nominee, during 1966 Gubernatorial Election, borrowed $2,700,000 from his stepmother for campaign expenses, and in his opinion loan was not repaid. BRONSTON further stated that during 1965 when he was running against NYS Senator JOSEPH ZARETZKI he was of the opinion that nominee "bought ZARETZKI" in connection with swinging votes. NYS Senator JOSEPH ZARETZKI advised that nominee had asserted no influence in the aforementioned matter. LAWRENCE J. FINNEGAN, JR., Queens County District Attorney's Office, advised that in connection with one Dr. THOMAS W. MATTHEW, founder of Interfaith Hospital, Queens, New York, that information in his possession indicated that there was a question concerning the ineptness of those close to the nominee while Governor who handled payment of Medicaid Funds to Interfaith Hospital. AARON L. JACOBY, Director, Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company, Brooklyn, New York, advised that allegation that ROCKEFELLER benefited from a rate hike by Consolidated Edison was a ridiculous statement. Information pertaining to the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) and the association of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER III to this organization set forth. Ownership of partial list of real property pertaining to nominee in New York City set forth.

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I. INTERVIEWS OF POLITICAL LEADERS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 29, 1974, MAX BERKING, Chairman, Westchester County Democratic Committee, [redacted], New York, advised he does not know the nominee personally, and has been on the "opposite side of the political fence" for many years. Mr. BERKING stated that he knows nothing in the nominee's background that would preclude him from accepting a high Government position. He said this refers both to his political and personal background. He added that the only objection against the nominee is on a political philosophy basis and thus any recommendation he might have would be limited. He did say, however, that the nominee has an excellent reputation as an efficient administrator and in this regard would be considered as an excellent choice for a high post. b6 b7C

On August 29, 1974, FRED GROSS, Town Supervisor, Town of Mount Pleasant, Beekman Avenue, North Tarrytown, New York, advised he does not know the nominee personally, but has lived in the area for over 50 years and he, of course, knows the ROCKEFELLER family by reputation. Mr. GROSS stated that as far as he is concerned, the nominee is above reproach in regard to his personal and political standards and nothing has ever come to his attention that would indicate that the nominee is anything but a moral and upright individual. Mr. GROSS said he would recommend the nominee for a high position with the Federal Government and added that this recommendation is based solely on the nominee's reputation.

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II. INTERVIEW OF NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

On August 23, 1974, New York State Senator JACK E. BRONSTON was contacted at his office, 295 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, by SA [redacted]. b6 b7C

At the outset, BRONSTON advised that he dislikes [redacted] the nominee intensely. BRONSTON characterized the nominee as a man without any moral instincts in his body and a power-ridden man, who, in his desire for power, has let his rationality run away from him. BRONSTON considers the nominee as a man who would do anything for the sake of power and as a man who "rubs" him the wrong way, both morally and politically.

BRONSTON stated he understands during the 1966 gubernatorial election, violated the New York State election laws because ROCKEFELLER borrowed $2,700,000 from his stepmother for campaign expenses. BRONSTON is of the opinion that the above loan was not repaid and that it was illegal. In January, 1967, BRONSTON made these charges public during interviews with the press. BRONSTON advised he has tried, unsuccessfully, to have the above matter handled by the Judiciary Committee of the New York State Senate and intends, in the near future, to present this matter again before the Judiciary Committee.

BRONSTON stated that he has been an intense political adversary of the nominee since 1965 and wished to furnish the following example. why:

In 1965, BRONSTON, who was backed by the late United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, was running against New York State Senator JOSEPH ZARETZKI for the position of President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate. According to BRONSTON, he (BRONSTON) had the votes of seventeen Democrats and ZARETZKI had thirteen votes. At this point, the nominee obtained for ZARETZKI all of the Republican votes in the New York Senate and, therefore, ZARETZKI became President Pro Tem. For this, again according to BRONSTON, the nominee "bought ZARETZKI for the rest of his life."

BRONSTON further characterized the nominee as a man who, if pushed into a corner, would not hesitate to commit some type of illegal act to extricate himself from this position.

In conclusion, BRONSTON stated that he would not recommend the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States under any circumstances.

It is noted that nominee's stepmother, MARTHA BAIRD ROCKEFELLER, died on January 24, 1971.

On September 3, 1974, Senator JOSEPH ZARETZKI, Democrat-Liberal, advised Special Agent [redacted] that in 1965 there had been several Senators running for President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate and that Senator JACK E. BRONSTON and he were among those in the running. He stated that Senator EARL W. BRYDGES, Republican, had advised him that the Republican Senators had a conference and had agreed to back him (ZARETZKI). With the Republican votes he was able to win the election over BRONSTON. He advised he felt it was strictly a concern of the Legislature and that Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER had exerted no influence in the matter. b6 b7C

Senator ZARETZKI pointed out that he had been Minority Leader of the New York State Senate for eight years prior to that and was perhaps considered better qualified for the position than some of the others. He pointed out, also, that subsequent to that time he has, on several occasions, opposed and defeated the then Governor ROCKEFELLER on issues in the Legislature.

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III. INTERVIEWS OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEN

On August 29, 1974, PETER A. BERLE, New York State Assemblyman and Lawyer, 425 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he served as Counsel and Plaintiff in the 1969 suit in the New York State Supreme Court of New York County, entitled Posner versus Rockefeller. He stated that he and New York State Assemblyman HERBERT A. POSNER and several others filed the aforementioned suit against Governor NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER for Abuse of Executive Power in the way ROCKEFELLER was handling the New York State budget. He stated that they were successful in this case in New York County and that the judge granted them an injunction which prevented the New York State Controller from spending funds for the New York State budget. He said, however, that the judge stayed execution of the injunction pending appeal to the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, New York. He said that the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, New York, threw this case out for "lack of judicial standing". He stated that he subpoenaed the court records from the Record Room of the Clerk of the Court in the New York State Supreme Court for New York County to be delivered to the New York Supreme Court in Albany County, Albany, New York, during the course of this appeal and that he does not know where these court records are maintained at the present time.

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It is to be noted that aforementioned Mr. BERLE was previously interviewed for his comments concerning the NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER nomination for Vice President of the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 27, 1974, BRUCE F. CAPUTO, Attorney, with offices at 30 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, advised he has been an Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature since 1972. Mr. CAPUTO stated his contacts with the nominee have been strictly on a legislative and political basis and not on a personal basis. Mr. CAPUTO stated that nothing has ever come to his attention that would indicate that the nominee is involved in anything that would cause him embarrassment, either politically or personally. Mr. CAPUTO further stated that he believes that the nominee had the respect of both political parties in the legislature and he says this even though he, himself, is a member of the Republican Party. Mr. CAPUTO stated that he would recommend the nominee for the office of Vice President, but any recommendation would have to be based on the reputation of the nominee and not on any considerable personal knowledge of the nominee.

On August 27, 1974, RICHARD C. ROSS, Attorney, who has businesses located at 10 Fishe Place, Mt. Vernon, New York, advised he has been an Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature since 1972. Mr. ROSS stated he has met the nominee on a number of occasions in regard to his legislative work, and he has always found the nominee to be a dynamic and intelligent leader. Mr. ROSS also stated that he has never heard anything that would compromise the nominee's character or reputation, either politically or personally, and he highly recommended the nominee for the office of Vice President.

On August 28, 1974, RICHARD E. MANNIX, who has law offices located at 55 Church Street, White Plains, New York, advised he has been an Assemblyman in the New York State Legislature since 1972. Mr. MANNIX stated that even though he is a member of the same political party as the nominee, he has differed with the nominee regarding political philosophy, but he still respects the nominee in many ways. He stated the nominee has proven himself to be a very capable and experienced administrator. He also stated that he has never heard any

rumors or stories that would indicate that the nominee is anything but a person of high integrity and morals. Mr. MANNIX further stated that his contacts with the nominee have been limited to political contacts, and thus any recommendation he would have would be based purely on the nominee's reputation. He stated based on this reputation he would highly recommend the nominee for the office of Vice President.

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IV. INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY (ROCKEFELLER FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES)

On August 29, 1974, [redacted], Attorney, Rockefeller Family and Associates, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, New York, advised SA [redacted], b6 b7C that in 1967, when he had been an attorney for the firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and Mc Cloy, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York City, New York, he had been assigned to do some legal work for the ROCKEFELLER family. In 1969, he was assigned to his firm's office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, New York, in order to be close to the ROCKEFELLER office. In 1971, he became affiliated with Rockefeller Family and Associates. During these years, he has done more legal work for LAURANCE and DAVID ROCKEFELLER than he has for the nominee. He stated that although all the attorneys here handle various assignments, his field of concentration has been in philanthropic matters and in property law. He has also handled some conservation interests for the nominee.

[redacted] stated that the nominee displays a very "careful concern for observance of law". He stated that the nominee "goes to the extent he can within the law", but definitely will stay within its bounds, and he has a great "sensitivity to legal distinctions" and will never stretch a law for his own benefit. [redacted] stated that the nominee has "an unusually broad ability over a range of areas" and is "one of the most competent executives" for whom he has ever worked. He said the nominee is capable of managing a large number of individuals for a lengthy period and is capable of achieving the results of their maximum efforts. He regards the nominee as having outstanding leadership qualities and his working relationships with people are good. [redacted] stated that nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to doubt the nominee's moral character or reputation, and he is not aware of any irregularity or indiscretion on the part of the nominee which, if divulged at a later date, would cause embarrassment to the Vice Presidency of the United States or to the nominee himself. He concluded by stating that the nominee is an honest, loyal and competent individual, whose integrity is above reproach, and he highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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V. INTERVIEWS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

On August 26, 1974, LAWRENCE J. FINNEGAN, JR., Chief of Investigations, Queens County District Attorney's Office, advised Special Agent [redacted] that as former Chief of the Fraud Bureau, Queens, New York, he had investigated one Dr. THOMAS W. MATTHEW, founder of Interfaith Hospital of Queens, 175-10 88th Avenue, Jamaica, New York. He stated that the purpose of his investigation concerned fraud matters at this hospital, and the extent of the investigation was from May 5, 1972, until the end of 1973. During the course of this investigation he gained possession of numerous memoranda from within the Department of Health, State of New York, concerning the evaluations of the above hospital. These memoranda reflected statements which indicated that "there does not appear to be any effort made to prolonging the life of the patient"; "there is a high incidence of medication errors on the charts"; "very little lab work is done even on critical patients"; "the doctors at [redacted] are unlicensed"; "the patient's areas are unbelievably filthy". b6 b7C

FINNEGAN made available the above in order to substantiate and emphasize the conditions of this hospital. He stated that these conditions were made known to the upper echelon in the Department of Health and also to ALTON G. MARSHALL of the Governor's office. FINNEGAN made no accusations against ROCKEFELLER, then Governor, having direct knowledge of the situation, but he said he questioned the intent of the ineptness of those close to the Governor who handled the payments of Medicaid funds to Interfaith Hospital. He said that hospitals are certified yearly for funds, but even though Interfaith had to be certified on a monthly basis, the funds still continued to be received from the State. FINNEGAN said that it was his impression that there was a cover up of these conditions and the obvious misuse of funds at the hospital, and someone close to the Governor continued to certify this hospital for Medicaid reimbursement.

FINNEGAN concluded that Dr. MATTHEW had political influence and, because of this, either the Governor and/or one of his aides allowed the above situation to continue. He made available a copy of a memorandum, dated January 16, 1969, from one [redacted] believed to be in the Governor's Executive Office or in the office of the Lieutenant Governor, to ALTON G. b6 b7C

MARSHALL reminding him that he had sent Dr. MATTHEW a letter on April 8, 1968, advising Dr. MATTHEW he had nine months to meet certain conditions if he were to continue to receive Medicaid payments. In this memorandum [redacted] stated that "the fact is Dr. MATTHEW is operating a hospital which is so far below New York State's standards that it is a detriment to the public to be in operation". The following paragraph states "my recommendation is that the Health Department not certify the hospital for Medicaid". b6 b7C

FINNEGAN reiterated that although he is not making any definite accusations, he has arrived at conclusions that because of the power that Dr. MATTHEW could exhibit in the black community, the conditions at Interfaith Hospital were knowingly allowed to continue with continuous financial support from the State. He stated that because of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's investigation into the potential merits of NELSON ROCKEFELLER as Vice President, he felt that the above information should be furnished. [redacted]

On August 26, 1974, Mr. MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, Attorney, Barrett, Smith, Schapiro, and Simon, 26 Broadway, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he was formerly Chief Counsel to the Knapp Commission, which was appointed by former New York Mayor JOHN V. LINDSAY to investigate corruption in the New York City Police Department (NYCPD), and later was District Attorney in Queens County, New York, by appointment of ROCKEFELLER to fill an unexpired term for approximately seven months. He said that his contact with ROCKEFELLER was in regard to law enforcement and he was greatly impressed by his knowledge of the problems involved, the obvious hard work he put into familiarizing himself with the situation and by his sincere desire to do something effective to raise the level of law enforcement and prevent corruption in law enforcement agencies. He said that he is not of the same political party as the nominee and was surprised and gratified by his willingness to appoint people to law enforcement positions regardless of party. He felt that ROCKEFELLER was seeking only the most capable men to fill such jobs. b6 b7C

He said that ROCKEFELLER is an intelligent person of strong character, who is an able administrator and leader. He said that he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on his character, reputation, or loyalty to the United States and he feels that he will do an excellent job as Vice President.

Mr. ARMSTRONG stated that when he took over as District Attorney in Queens, LAWRENCE J. FINNEGAN, JR. discussed a case with him that FINNEGAN had investigated extensively and thoroughly. This case involved THOMAS MATTHEW, a Black doctor who was active in politics and attained some political strength. He recalled that Dr. MATTHEW had been convicted of income tax evasion, served a year or two in prison and was pardoned by former President NIXON. He said that FINNEGAN began his investigation of him because a dead body was found in the storeroom of the Interfaith Hospital, which was operated by Dr. MATTHEW. The investigation revealed the license

of the hospital had lapsed, that it operated in violation of State and local laws and that Dr. MATTHEW was receiving funds from the State and Federal Governments. He said that conditions at the hospital were in a deplorable state and nothing apparently was being done about it by the State Health Authorities, or any other agencies that had jurisdiction. He said that the complete details pertaining to Dr. MATTHEW are in the District Attorney's file and available through Mr. FINNEGAN. He said that as he recalled there was nothing in the file on Dr. MATTHEW that indicated that ROCKEFELLER was aware of the situation nor has he any information that ROCKEFELLER was aware of it. He said, however, that the State Health Authority had jurisdiction and apparently no action was taken and that he knows that people as high up as the Governor's Counsels Office had knowledge of it. He does not recall the names of these people but they are in the file on Dr. MATTHEW. He said that he did not know why action was not taken and suggested that it might be a reluctance to go after a powerful black or just ineptness and poor administration in the Health Department.

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On August 30, 1974, JOHN R. GARRISON, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, State of New York, Department of Health, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] b6 [redacted] at the New York City Office of this department, b7C 2 World Trade Building, New York City.

GARRISON stated he became affiliated with Governor ROCKEFELLER's office in May, 1966, in the capacity of Program Assistant. In January, 1967, he became Program Associate which entailed acting as liaison between the Governor's office and various departments in the State Government, one of which was the Department of Health.

GARRISON stated that he recalls a situation which occurred in approximately 1968 which involved the possible closing of five or six hospitals in New York State because certain conditions were not met, among which was Interfaith Hospital, Jamaica, New York, headed by Dr. THOMAS MATTHEW. He recalled that ALTON MARSHALL, then Chief of Staff to the nominee, had advised Dr. MATTHEW by letter that if certain deficiencies at that hospital were not corrected financial payments through Medicaid would be terminated and, to the best of his recollection, Dr. MATTHEW was allowed nine months to one year to correct these deficiencies. GARRISON said he sent a memorandum to MARSHALL, approximately nine months after MARSHALL wrote to Dr. MATTHEW, advising MARSHALL he was recommending that Interfaith Hospital should be closed. He recalled that the hospital was reduced from a "hospital status" to that of a "Health Related Facility" thus reducing the Medicaid income of Interfaith Hospital. He said he met Dr. MATTHEW during the winter of 1969 shortly after the above action and the meeting was a bitter one in which he received "implied threats of riots" from Dr. MATTHEW if the hospital did not regain its "hospital status" for Medicaid payments. GARRISON explained that as a Health Related Facility the amount of Medicaid payments to Interfaith Hospital were greatly reduced. He said all the other hospitals receiving similar action at that time also became involved in community resistance. He stated that there was a dire need of medical facilities in ghetto areas, such as where Interfaith Hospital was situated, and there was a reluctance on the part of Governor's office to close such an institution without allowing every possible leeway for the institutions involved to meet the necessary standards. He stated [redacted] representing the b6 b7C

Governor's office, made a site visit to Interfaith Hospital and subsequently recommended additional time be alloted to the hospital to meet required standards.

[redacted] stated that the process of reducing the Medicaid payments to Interfaith Hospital, in spite of the deplorable conditions existing there, was extremely gradual not because of any political situation or because of the power Dr. MATTHEW exhibited in the black community or because of any "cover-up" on the part of anyone in the Governor's office, but it was due strictly in the hopes that the situation would better itself especially in a ghetto-type area where the community would severely suffer from its closing. He said Dr. MATTHEW did make temporary improvements at various times. He said he personally considered Dr. MATTHEW a "convincing person" and "a con-man" and stated the situation continued over a long period. b6 b7C

[redacted] concluded by stating he considers the nominee a person of complete integrity and while he was employed in the Governor's office nothing ever came to his attention concerning any discrepancy or irregularity on the nominee's part which, if it became known at a later date, would prove embarrassing to the Vice Presidency or to the nominee. He highly recommended the nominee for the position of Vice President of the United States. b6 b7C

VI. INTERVIEW OF RELIGIOUS LEADER

On August 29, 1974, Most Reverend FRANCIS J. MUGAVERO, D.D., Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, 75 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA [redacted] that he has been acquainted with the nominee for over fifteen years. He stated that he first became associated with the nominee when he, Bishop MUGAVERO, was the head of Catholic Charities in Brooklyn, New York. He has found him to be courteous, affable, and "open to suggestion". At no time has he ever had any "inclination or intuition" concerning anything unethical on the part of the nominee. Nothing has ever come to his attention regarding any impropriety or indiscretion or anything illegal concerning the nominee's actions. Bishop MUGAVERO stated that he has been affiliated with numerous politicians during the past fifteen or twenty years and although comments were made to him regarding the nominee, all evaluations or disagreements concerning the nominee's decisions or political moves were strictly of a political nature and at no time has any of these politicians ever charged the nominee with anything that would even hint of an illegal nature. He stated that he has disagreed with the nominee on several of his positions and in particular that in abortion, and he feels that the nominee could have given more aid to religious education; however, in the latter field he stated the nominee "tried". He added that to the best of his knowledge the nominee has never "played dirty" in any political dealing or situation, and if the nominee had been involved in anything of this nature, it certainly would have been brought forth by his political adversaries a long time ago.

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Bishop MUGAVERO concluded by stating that nominee is a person of complete integrity and displays great leadership qualities. He highly recommended him for the position of Vice President of the United States.

VII. INTERVIEWS OF BUSINESS LEADERS

Mr. THOMAS S. GATES, Director, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, New York City, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], on August 27, 1974, that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER all of his life. He said that his association has been social and also due to their political and business connections. Mr. GATES noted that just after World War II he was Director of the International Basic Economy Corporation, which was one of ROCKEFELLER's companies.

Mr. GATES said that he considers NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER the best possible choice to fill the office of Vice President of the United States. He said that ROCKEFELLER is fully capable and qualified for the position.

Mr. GATES stated that he rates NELSON ROCKEFELLER's character and reputation as to sobriety, honesty, trustworthiness, reliability and discretion as "one hundred percent."

Mr. GATES also stated that there is no question relative to Mr. ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States nor the morals or loyalty of the individuals whom he associates with.

Mr. GATES said that the only thing in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background that he knows of, which may not be acceptable to some people, is his divorce from his first wife and marriage to the current Mrs. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. GATES highly recommended NELSON ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States. He noted that he is a member of the same political party as ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. CHARLES C. TILLINGHAST, Jr., Chairman, Trans World Airlines, Incorporated, New York, New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 26, 1974, that he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER from ten to twelve years. He said that he is not a close friend and that his association is through political connections. b6 b7C

Mr. TILLINGHAST said that he considers that ROCKEFELLER has the qualifications and ability to be an excellent Vice President of the United States. He said that he knows of nothing in his background that would reflect unfavorably on his character or reputation as to sobriety, honesty, trustworthiness, reliability or discretion. He also said that he is sure that ROCKEFELLER is a loyal American and his associates are persons of good repute.

Mr. TILLINGHAST concluded by saying that he highly recommends NELSON ROCKEFELLER for the office of Vice President. He noted that he is a member of the same political party as the nominee.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On August 26, 1974, Mr. ELLMORE C. PATTERSON, Chairman of the Board, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 23 Wall Street, New York, New York, advised that he has associated with Mr. ROCKEFELLER on a number of business occasions and has also seen him in a social capacity. He advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is of the highest professional ethics, a person of unquestioned moral character, and a man of outstanding ability. Mr. PATTERSON advised that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the former Governor. Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a man totally dedicated to his duties as an administrator, statesman and politician. Mr. PATTERSON advised that he would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

On August 23, 1974, Mr. ALBERT L. NICKERSON, retired Chairman of the Board and current member of the Board of Directors, Mobil Oil Corporation, New York, New York, advised that he has known Mr. ROCKEFELLER approximately 15 years both professionally and socially. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is an extraordinarily competent individual, a man of unquestioned moral integrity, and a competent and able administrator. He stated that he is very much in accord with President FORD's nomination and advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER, if confirmed, will make an outstanding Vice President of the United States.

On August 26, 1974, Mr. AMYAS AMES, Chairman of Lincoln Center, 1865 Broadway, New York, New York, advised that he has known the Vice President-designate for the last ten years. He stated that Mr. ROCKEFELLER is a very "forthright, direct and open man", a man of outstanding ability and a person of the highest integrity. He stated that he believes that Mr. ROCKEFELLER would make an outstanding contribution to the United States as Vice President. He knows of nothing in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background which could be construed as derogatory in nature.

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On August 29, 1974, AARON L. JACOBY, Director, Consolidated Mutual Insurance Company, 345 Adams Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, residence Scarborough, New York, advised SA [redacted] b6 b7C that he was a member of the New York State Public Service Commission, Albany, New York, from July, 1955 to April, 1960. JACOBY stated that the allegation that ROCKEFELLER benefited greatly from a rate hike by Consolidated Edison was a ridiculous statement, as all stockholders benefited from the rate hike. He stated that former Governor ROCKEFELLER never interfered with the rate policies of any utility, be it gas, electric or railroads.

He advised that he is not personally acquainted with the nominee, but knows nothing to preclude him from accepting the position of Vice President of the United States.

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JOHN M. OLIN, Honorary Chairman, Olin Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut, P. O. Box M, East Hampton, Long Island, New York, was contacted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C on August 26, 1974. Mr. OLIN advised he is a personal associate of NELSON ROCKEFELLER's. He feels Mr. ROCKEFELLER would lend considerable prestige to the FORD Administration. He knows of nothing in the background of the nominee which might cause embarrassment to the nominee or the FORD Administration. Mr. OLIN recommended the nominee highly for the position of Vice President of the United States citing his considerable experience in local, national and international affairs.

JAMES J. NEEDHAM, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, New York Stock Exchange, Incorporated, New York, New York, was contacted by SA [redacted], on August 26, 1974. b6 b7C Mr. NEEDHAM advised that he knows absolutely nothing in the background of the nominee which would in any way discredit the nation. He has the highest regard for NELSON ROCKEFELLER and terms his nomination as "sensational." Mr. NEEDHAM advised that the nominee would have been his personal selection for the position of Vice President of the United States and he recommended the nominee for the position very highly.

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Mr. GORDON S. BRAISLIN, Chairman, Dime Saving Bank of New York, De Kalb Avenue and Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted], on August 27, 1974, that he has known the ROCKEFELLER brothers, DAVID, JOHN, LAURANCE and NELSON, for over thirty years and acted as their real estate consultant during much of that time. He said that he has less association with NELSON than his brothers, but he considers them to be a remarkable family, all of them honest, capable and hardworking. b6 b7C

Mr. BRAISLIN said that based on his knowledge of the family and the association he has had with NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER he feels that he has the ability and qualifications to be Vice President of the United States.

Mr. BRAISLIN stated that he never heard anything that would reflect unfavorably on the character or reputation as to sobriety, honesty, trustworthiness, reliability or discretion of NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER or any member of his family. He also said that there can be no doubt but that the nominee and his brothers are all loyal Americans, and that their associates are also loyal and of good moral character.

Mr. BRAISLIN said that he recommends NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER to be Vice President of the United States.

Mr. BRAISLIN noted that he is a registered Republican.

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RICHARD R. SHINN, President, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on August 26, 1974, he has known NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER through business and political activity and also socially for five to seven years. b6 b7C

He said that he considers ROCKEFELLER to be the right man at the right time to fill the office of Vice President of the United States. Mr. SHINN said that ROCKEFELLER has shown by the excellent job he did as Governor of New York State that he is fully qualified and has the ability to do an outstanding job for the nation.

Mr. SHINN stated that he considers NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER's character and general reputation as to honesty, trustworthiness, sobriety, reliability and discretion to be excellent, and added that there is no question as to ROCKEFELLER's loyalty to the United States, or as to the background and loyalty of his associates.

Mr. SHINN said that he is a member of the same political party as ROCKEFELLER, that he has always supported him, will continue to do so, and highly recommends him for Vice President of the United States.

VIII. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

On August 28, 1974, LINCOLN KIRSTEIN, 128 East 19th Street, New York, New York, advised that he is director of the New York City Ballet Company at Lincoln Center, New York, which is largely financed by ROCKEFELLER money and that he has known the nominee since approximately 1931. He stated that at that time the nominee and members of the family were involved in funding the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) and he, KIRSTEIN, came to their attention because of his interest in modern art. He advised that the nominee was very active in the affairs of MOMA and was its president until he became Governor of New York State. He said that he worked with ROCKEFELLER during the 1930s in connection with the MOMA and also made a couple of trips to South America for him when the nominee was Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. He, KIRSTEIN, went into the Army in 1940 and did not have any contact with the nominee until the early 1960s when Lincoln Center, which would house the New York City Ballet Company, was being built and the ROCKEFELLERS were deeply involved in the financing and building of the Center. He said that he saw the nominee occasionally until about five years ago when he had a dispute with JOHN ROCKEFELLER over the management and use of the New York State Theatre at Lincoln Center and has not seen him or the nominee since then.

KIRSTEIN said that the nominee is an energetic and competent individual and a man of excellent administrative, executive and leadership experience. He said that he was disappointed in ROCKEFELLER's handling of the Attica situation, believing that he should have gone to the prison and negotiated with the prisoners. He stated that ROCKEFELLER rationalized his conduct by saying he did not want to set a precedent and did not want to submit to blackmail but that he believes ROCKEFELLER did not go because he feared some physical harm would come to him. He said that he has no real basis for believing this and it is simply an instinct derived from association with ROCKEFELLER over the years. He said it may arise from his belief that ROCKEFELLER never had any "close-calls" physically, was not in military service and never faced any real extreme situations of a physical nature that he, KIRSTEIN, knows of.

KIRSTEIN said that he does not feel he is a friend of ROCKEFELLER's but owes ROCKEFELLER a great deal because he has contributed and supported art projects in which he, KIRSTEIN, has been interested. He said that ROCKEFELLER is an extremely strong character and that his selection as Vice president is the best that could be made.

Mr. KIRSTEIN was interviewed by SA [redacted]. b6 b7C

Information has been received from reliable sources that during the 1930's and 1940's LINCOLN KIRSTEIN was reportedly a member of the John Reed Clubs of America and the League of American Writers, as well as a sponsor of People's Songs, Incorporated. Each of these organizations have been cited as communist fronts.

On August 29, 1974, EDWARD WARBURY, Former Director of Public Relations for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, currently retired, advised Special Agent [redacted] he has known the nominee since both were 18 years of age. He stated that they had been active in the management of the Museum of Modern Art, and through this association he had associated closely with both the nominee and his family. He stated that he has continued his association with the nominee as both were Regents of the State of New York and through their mutual association and activities in the fine arts. He advised that he had known the nominee's parents as well, and considers the nominee a person of integrity and excellent choice for the position of Vice President. Mr. WARBURY advised that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature regarding Mr. ROCKEFELLER and advised that he is in total accord with President FORD's nomination of Mr. ROCKEFELLER for Vice President of the United States.

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On August 29, 1974, Mr. PHILIP C. JOHNSON, 375 Park Avenue, New York, New York, advised that he has known the nominee for over 45 years as a personal friend and business associate. He advised that over 40 years ago he and the nominee had entered into a business venture together, which did not succeed, but they have continued their business association and social relationship through their daily work at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York. He stated that as he is an architect he had designed a number of buildings for the Museum of Modern Art, as well as the New York State Theater at the Lincoln Center of Fine Arts in New York. He stated that he considers the nominee an excellent choice for Vice President and advised that Mr. ROCKEFELLER's experience in both national and international affairs and his prestige will add greatly to the prestige of the Executive Branch of the Government. He stated he knows of no unfavorable information in Mr. ROCKEFELLER's background. He advised that he would highly recommend Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the position of Vice President of the United States.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], At New York, New York, on August 26, 1974:

[redacted] was contacted at his place of business, The Knickerbocker Club, 2 East 62nd Street, New York, New York. [redacted] advised that he is the [redacted] of the Knickerbocker Club and has held that position since 1968. [redacted] stated that records concerning ROCKEFELLER's date of admission to the Knickerbocker Club are not available, however, he recalls ROCKEFELLER's membership resignation as ROCKEFELLER's attorney had submitted a letter of resignation in ROCKEFELLER's name, in 1968, the same year [redacted] became Manager of the club. [redacted] stated that the thrust of ROCKEFELLER's letter of resignation was aimed primarily at "alleged discriminatory admission practices of the Knickerbocker Club". [redacted] stated that at that time the Knickerbocker Club did not admit "Negroes or Jews". [redacted] advised further that it is his opinion that the resignation was prompted by a public outcry concerning discriminatory admission practices of private clubs during the 1968 civil rights movement. [redacted] stated that the Board of Directors of the Knickerbocker Club accepted Mr. ROCKEFELLER's resignation in 1968, and, to his knowledge, the resignation was completely voluntary on ROCKEFELLER's part. [redacted] further advised that to his knowledge the members and associates of the Knickerbocker Club, which [redacted] characterized as being "a social club for men of means", have never given him cause to question Mr. ROCKEFELLER's creditability or trustworthiness. He feels ROCKEFELLER is a man of good reputation and highly recommends him for the Vice Presidency.

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IX. INTERVIEW OF FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

On August 30, 1974, [redacted] Attorney, 27 East 39th Street, New York, New York, who was former Chief of the Southern District of New York (SDNY) Federal Strike Force, advised that he recalls an incident in the 1971 - 1972 narcotics trial of the United States versus [redacted]; Et Al, United States District Court (USDC), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), where LIAM COONAN, an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), who was assisting in this case, had some difficulty in requesting, through Governor ROCKEFELLER's New York City office, information from the Governor's diary for a day in question plus any photographs taken on that date. He said COONAN's initial request was refused and he (COONAN) threatened to subpoena the desired information from Governor ROCKEFELLER's office. He stated that he was contacted in regard to this matter as a more democratic approach was required and a subpoena in this instance would be a rather strong way of handling this matter. He stated he spoke to an unrecalled Assistant of the Chief Counsel of Governor ROCKEFELLER and that the latter agreed there should be complete cooperation. He stated that, subsequently, Governor ROCKEFELLER's office made available photographs taken on an unrecalled date in question which showed Governor ROCKEFELLER and [redacted] together on the day in question. He stated that [redacted] was President of a local Barber's Union and an Executive of the Italian American Civil Rights League. He said that there was a very strong Italian civil rights drive in New York State at that time and that he is convinced beyond any doubt that the meeting and photographing of ROCKEFELLER and [redacted] were purely happenstance and of a political nature since [redacted] was active in and also an Executive of the Italian American Civil Rights League. He said that he has been employed for many years with the United States Government, the New York State Government, and the New York City Government, and he has heard of no derogatory information concerning Governor ROCKEFELLER. He stated Governor ROCKEFELLER has been an excellent public servant and that he has never heard of any information to the effect that Governor ROCKEFELLER was involved in any way with criminals. In conclusion, he stated that he is not personally acquainted with Governor ROCKEFELLER.

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The records of the United States District Court (USDC), Eastern District of New York (EDNY), contain information that [redacted] was found guilty after a jury trial on June 27, 1972, for violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 173 and 174, Possession and Sale of Narcotics. He had previously been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the EDNY for this offense on February 22, 1971 and arrested for this offense on February 24, 1971. [redacted] was born [redacted] in Naples, Italy, and at the time of his arrest resided at [redacted] Street, Massapequa, New York. In October, 1970, he became Secretary-Treasurer of Local 760 of the Barbers and Hairdressers Union, having operated his own barber shop from 1953 to 1971. At the time of his conviction, set forth above, he was awaiting trial in the EDNY for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 472, Possession of Counterfeit United States Postage Stamps.

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X. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Information Concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations

In April, 1950, Mr. CLAYTON LANE, Executive Secretary, of the American Institute of Pacific Relations, Incorporated, One East 54th Street, New York City, and Miss KATRINE R. C. GREENE, Assistant Secretary of that organization, made available certain information concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) and the American Institute of Pacific Relations, Incorporated. This information revealed that Mrs. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, Jr. was on the Board of Trustees of the American Institute of Pacific Relations in 1927 - 1928, 1929 - 1930, 1931, 1932, and 1933 - 1934.

On October 8 and 10, 1951, Mr. EDWARD C. CARTER, former Secretary General, International Secretariat, Institute of Pacific Relations, and former Executive Secretary, American IPR, One East 54th Street, New York, New York, provided several documents which were part of the IPR files. Included among these documents was a letter dated January 24, 1939, from JOHN ROCKEFELLER, Room 5600, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, enclosing a contribution for $500.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un - American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington D.C., contains the following concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations:

"Institute of Pacific Relations"

"1. 'The IPR was a vehicle used by the Communists to orientate American far eastern policies toward Communist objectives.' 'Members of the small core of officials and staff members who controlled IPR were either Communist or pro - Communist.' The American Communist Party and Soviet officials

considered the organization 'an instrument of Communist policy, propaganda and military intelligence.' (Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Report 2050 on the Institute of Pacific Relations, July 2, 1952, pp. 223 and 225.)"

In March, 1950, a confidential source made available copies of certain documents of the Institute of Pacific Relations. Among these documents was a list of names under the caption, "American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, Members," which was dated November 24, 1937. Included among the names listed were the names of Mrs. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., 10 West 54th Street, New York City, and JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

Also included among the copies of the documents of the IPR, provided by the confidential source, were the following:

A letter dated April 9, 1943, addressed to "Dear PACKARD," from EDWARD C. CARTER, which concerned potential sources of income. This letter also states in part "The question may be asked should Mr. ROCKEFELLER make a personal contribution to the proposed fund in view of the present substantial support from the Rockefeller Foundation. Both Mr. and Mrs. ROCKEFELLER were influential in founding the IPR. One of the earliest organization meetings was held at Mrs. ROCKEFELLER's invitation at 10 West 54th Street. From this luncheon flowed some of the most creative influences that lead to putting the Institute on a sound basis. Personal gifts from Mr. ROCKEFELLER which preceded Foundation support were decisive in winning confidence and support from others. At the Institute's invitation, JOHN ROCKEFELLER, III, attended the Kyoto Conference in 1929, and LAURANCE ROCKEFELLER attended the Banff Conference in 1933. Both of them worked hard as Secretaries at the conferences and each contributed to the effectiveness of the gatherings. I like to think that in

addition, both gained intellectually from the experience. Of course, JOHN gained more because a trip around the world was involved. The early financial and personal help of Mr. and Mrs. ROCKEFELLER were decisive in putting the Institute on the map. Their intervention resulted in the Institute's gaining such substantial academic and public recognition that it was later possible for the Rockefeller Foundation to lend its financial support which has been farseeing and continuous ever since." Attached to this letter was a list of "Forecast of Potential Income Under Favorable Circumstances." The name of JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., and the amount of $100,000 is included under a heading of possible sources of additional income, special gifts. Also attached to this letter was a list of names entitled "American Council, IPR, Statement of Grants and Contributions," dated 1942. Among the names listed are JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, $500, and Mrs. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, Jr., $350, and LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER, $25.

Also attached to the above letter was the following:

"IPR War and Peace Fund," 1943-1944-1945, dated April 9, 1943, "Forecast of Potential Income Under Favorable Circumstances," in which the name of JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., $100,000 is listed under a heading of possible sources of additional income, special gifts.

A list dated April, 1943, entitled, "Selected List of Corporations, Foundations, and Individuals Contributing to the Work of the IPR" contains under a sub-heading entitled "Lawyers," the name of LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER. A sub-heading entitled "Members of Congress and Government Servants (Past and Present)," contained the name of Lieutenant JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III.

A letter addressed to "Dear HARRIET," December 29, 1943, One East 54th Street, New York, New York, signed EDWARD C. CARTER, stated in part that "the good news is that

on December 23, Arthur W. Packard sent us on behalf of John D. Rockefeller, III, 800 shares of capital stock in the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, together with a check for $30.00, to cover the transfer taxes."

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b. Partial List of Real Property

On August 31, 1974, SAMUEL H. GILLESPIE III, Law Firm of Milbanks, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy, Midtown Office, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, made available a partial list of real property owned by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

Property located within the New York Office territory is as follows:

Apartment 810-812 Fifth Avenue, New York City, ownership reflected by shares in cooperative apartment corporation and proprietary lease; 13 West 54th Street, New York City, acquired from Mr. and Mrs. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., by deed dated June 13, 1946, recorded Liber 4441, page 526; 15 West 54th Street, New York City, acquired from the Museum of Primitive Art by deed dated September 4, 1969, recorded on Reel 160, page 130; 20 West 55th Street, New York City. Acquired from [redacted] by deed dated August 2, 1956, and recorded Liber 4978, page 412; 22 West 55th Street, New York City. Acquired from [redacted] by deed dated June 22, 1956, recorded Liber 4978, page 288; 567 Bedford Road, Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York. Acquired from the four ROCKEFELLER brothers by deed dated October 1, 1973, recorded Liber 7164, page 369, and held by MARGARETTA F. ROCKEFELLER; individually owned property in Pocantico Hills, Town of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York. Acquired from Hills Realty Company, Incorporated, by deed dated December 30, 1969, recorded book 6907, page 112. b6 b7C

Town of Richmond, Tioga County, New York. Acquired from various parties and held by [redacted] as nominee. Deed dated July 20, 1968, Book Number 336, page number 893; deed dated February 9, 1970, Book Number 344, page number 170; deed dated June 14, 1971, book number 349, page number 1078; deed dated April 13, 1972, book number 356, page number 939.

Comprehensive list of Maine Properties, Town of Mount Desert. "Anchorage" and land on Crowninshield Point with small island known as Thrumb Cap, acquired from [redacted] Et Al, deed dated November 9, 1939, book number 669, page number 558, tax lot number MI LI6; part of lot (Anchorage Road) acquired from [redacted] b6 b7C

deed dated March 26, 1959, book number 835, page number 373, tax lot number MI LI6; Candage Wharf and buildings at Dodge's Point, acquired from JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., deed dated October 25, 1945, book number 703, page number 209, tax lot number MI LI6, MI LI8; Bracy Homestead west of Dodge Point Road (Reed House), acquired from JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., deed dated January 20, 1953, book number 751, page number 592, tax lot number M3 L11.

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On September 3, 1974, [redacted], Mortgage Tax Examiner, City Register, City of New York, 31 Chambers Street, New York City, advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] that records of their office showed the following information: b6 b7C

The property at 810-812 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is listed under Block 1377, Lot 1, with owner as 811 Fifth Avenue Corporation, New York City.

The property at 13 West 54th Street, New York City, is listed under Block 1270, Lot 26, with owner as NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

The property at 15 West 54th Street, New York City, is listed under Block 1270, Lot 25, with owner as NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

The property at 20 West 55th Street, New York City, is listed under Block 1270, Lot 49, with owner as NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

The property at 22 West 55th Street, New York City, is listed under Block 1270, Lot 50, with owner as NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

The above listed properties have no encumbrances or covenants.

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On August 29, 1974 [redacted] New York, advised Special Agent [redacted] that Pocantico Hills is located within the Township of Mount Pleasant. Mr. [redacted] was tax assessor for the Town from 1958 until January, 1974, when he became Supervisor. He stated that there are no restrictive covenants on the property in this Township owned by NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, the nominee, or any members of his family.

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c. Newspaper Morgues

The files of "The New York Times" "morgue" were reviewed on August 22, 1974, August 23, 1974, and August 26, 1974.

The following pages contained articles appearing in the "morgue" pertaining to the nominee's role in the "Attica uprising" at the Attica Correctional Facility:

ROCKEFELLER BARS A VISIT TO ATTICA

Cites Lack of Authority to Grant Total Amnesty

Signaling a harder line toward rebellious inmates at the Attica Correctional Facility, Governor Rockefeller yesterday rejected a prisoner demand and a citizen committee's recommendation that he go to the prison.

The Governor declared in a statement issued from his Pocantico Hills estate that he could not legally grant total amnesty to the rebellious inmates and would not even if he could.

"In view of the fact that the key issue is total amnesty... I do not feel that my physical presence on the site can contribute to a settlement," Mr. Rockefeller said.

Sources close to the Governor indicated that the use of force to break the rebellion would be the next step if the prisoners rejected the 28 concessions offered by State Correction Commissioner Russell G. Oswald with the approval of the Governor. The concessions do not include total amnesty against possible criminal charges.

The citizen group that has been asked by the prisoners to serve as mediators and observers at the embattled prison had suggested the Governor go to Attica but stopped short of endorsing a prisoner demand that he negotiate in the prison yard with the inmates.

"New York Times"
September 13, 1971

Time Seen Running Out

Rejecting any direct intervention, Mr. Rockefeller said the prisoners must now be given the opportunity to respond to the concessions offered by Mr. Oswald. One state aide described the Governor's reply as a veiled warning that time was running out for negotiations.

Mr. Rockefeller made it plain that he would not back down on his refusal to offer total amnesty.

"I do not have the constitutional authority to grant such a demand and I would not even if I had the authority because to do so would undermine the very essence of our free society —the fair and impartial application of the law," the Governor said.

Mr. Rockefeller, faced with the most serious prison rebellion during his administration, remained at his Westchester estate over the weekend but was in constant telephone contact with state and other public officials at the scene.

Officials at the scene included, according to Rockefeller aides, State Senator John R. Dunne, Republican of Garden City, L.I., who has been serving as chairman of the unofficial citizen committee at the prison; Representative Herman Badillo, Democrat of the Bronx, and Tom Wicker, a columnist of The New York Times.

Also at the scene are the Governor's two top aides, Robert R. Douglass, his secretary or chief of staff, and T. Norman Hurd, Director of State Operations, as well as Mr. Oswald. A Rockefeller aide said that no major moves had been made by the state officials without the approval of Mr. Rockefeller.

The Governor himself was described as "deeply distressed" by the rebellion and the threat to the hostages particularly.

He had been scheduled to appear at a Nassau County Republican dinner Saturday evening but canceled the engagement in order to keep in touch with the Attica rebellion. meeting in San Juan, P. R., today but these plans could also be changed if the rebellion continues.

GOVERNOR DEFENDS ORDER TO QUELL ATTICA UPRISING; APPOINTS CHIEF OF INQUIRY



The New York Times

Governor Rockefeller discussing Attica assault yesterday

'NO ALTERNATIVE'

Rockefeller Also Tells Why He Refused to Talk to Prisoners

By WILLIAM E. FARRELL

Governor Rockefeller yesterday strongly defended the storming of the Attica Correctional Facility on Monday to quell a prisoner revolt and said he was right in refusing to visit the prison personally at the request of a committee seeking a nonviolent solution to the uprising.

Nine guards and civilian employes and 32 prisoners lost their lives in the state's air and ground assault on the prison, and one guard died as a result of injuries suffered in the rebellion. One of the prisoners died yesterday morning.

The revolt by 1,200 prisoners started last Thursday, and for five days—while they held 38 guards and civilian prison workers as hostages—the convicts refused to surrender.

'Have Done My Best'

"I have done my best to represent the responsibilities that I hold under the Constitution of the State and my oath of office," Governor Rockefeller said at a press conference held at the request of newsmen gathered in his office at 13 West 55th Street.

"I used my best judgment," he went on, adding that the final determination of the correctness of his action would come when the state's investigation of the prison uprising was completed.

At another point he asserted: "There was no alternative but to go in."

Dressed in a gray, pin-striped suit, his face serious, his voice almost flat, the Governor was speaking at his first meeting with the news media since the tragedy at Attica. He strongly affirmed the decision of the State Commissioner of Correction, Russell G. Oswald, to send armed troopers into the prison.

Decision Called Sound

Against a backdrop of controversial developments—such as the disclosure that nine hostages had died of bullet wounds rather than knife attacks from convicts, as had first been reported—Mr. Rockefeller was asked if he still felt the decision to storm the prison had been sound.

"On the basis of the evidence so far, I certainly do," he replied.

He was asked: "Is it possible that state troopers, by mistake, killed hostages?"

"I would say it was possible," he answered, adding that he would not use the word "mis-

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take." The Governor continued:

"If you re-create the circumstances of that situation—where the troopers had instructions to shoot the executioners who had been assigned to each one of the prisoners [a reference to convicts menacing hostage guards] and who were standing there with a knife at his throat—then you add to that the helicopter coming in with the [tear] gas, and the effect of the gas—which first creates a cloud and then has an effect on the individual—you have a scene of chaos that is one in which accidents can very well happen."

The possibility that the hostages may have perished at the hands of troopers in the recapture of the prison adds "to the depth of the tragedy of the whole Attica situation," the Governor said.

Critics of the Governor's action in the Attica uprising have said that he should have heeded a plea to go to the prison personally in an effort "to buy time" with the convicts when the negotiations with them for a peaceful settlement were crumbling.

Mr. Rockefeller said he still disagreed with that position. He recalled Commissioner Oswald's meetings with the rebel prisoners and referred to Mr. Oswald's acceptance of 28 of their 30 demands.

"Those 28 provisions constituted a complete updating of the prison system, and therefore covered all of the demands relating to the prison itself," Mr. Rockefeller said.

A demand for complete amnesty from criminal prosecution was out of the question, he repeated, as was a request for "free passage to—as they described it—a nonimperialistic country."

The inescapable conclusion, he said, was that the prisoners' demands transcended prison reform and "had political implications beyond the reform of the prison, which it was not possible for us to conform to and at the same time preserve a free society in which people could have any sense of security."

He said the committee of civilian observers had called upon him to go to Attica out of desperation at the prisoners' rejection of the 28 concessions.

'Hardened' Stand Noted

The prisoners' stand had "hardened not softened," the Governor said, "so I then said no, I would not come, I didn't think a useful purpose would be served."

"I think this whole thing raises a very serious question as to whether someone who has been condemned under the law and sent to jail can use innocent hostages to force the release of the criminal," the Governor said.

"If the Governor has to be the one who negotiates," he went on, "and if the Governor does, and this can be true all over the country, we then may find ourselves in a position where the next time they say, 'We won't negotiate with anyone but the President'—and I think we get into an intolerable situation."

Upon rejecting the request to go to the prison, the Governor said he had instructed Commissioner Oswald to renegotiate with the prisoners.

"The second meeting," he said, "instead of giving him an answer, they just lined up eight of the prisoners, bound, blindfolded, with an executioner with a knife at his throat. At that point the decision was made. There was no alternative but to go in."

The decision to move on the prison with force was [illegible] toughest in his 13 years as Governor, Mr. Rockefeller said.

Governor Explains Attica Role

By MICHAEL T. KAUFMAN

Governor Rockefeller's decision not to go to Attica during the prison rebellion there was based on both his philosophic belief that elected officials should not negotiate under the pressure of criminal acts and his view that his presence at the prison would not serve in a practical way to break the deadlock between the state and rebel inmates.

This twofold rationale runs through much of the 83 pages of testimony given by the Governor to the McKay Commission on April 5 and released yesterday by the state panel. The commission ended its public hearings here last week on the Attica uprising.

The Governor was given the choice by the commission of either appearing in public or testifying in private. His appearance before the commission took place at his New York City office and lasted for more than two hours.

Authority Delegated

The Governor opened his testimony with a long extemporaneous statement that detailed his involvement during the five days that began with the take-over of the maximum-security prison and the seizing of hostages by inmates last Sept. 9. Subsequently he submitted to questioning by the commission and its chief counsel, Arthur Liman.

A good part of the Governor's remarks concerned his belief in delegating authority to subordinates in whom he had faith. He said that he had given Russell G. Oswald, his Commissioner of Correctional Services, complete latitude in dealing with the rebellion.

As to the assault plan and the weapons to be used, he said that except for suggesting at one point that tranquilizers might be used, he left the matter of tactics and deployment to professionals in the State Police, whose judgment, he said, he trusted. He cited their retaking of two cellblocks at Attica immediately following the riot and their quelling of a street riot in Rochester three years ago, both without firing a single shot.

Tranquilizers Rejected

He said that on his suggestion for tranquilizers he was told that their introduction into the prison yard in either water or food would be impracticable.

The Governor said that the initial request for his going to Attica had come from members of the outside observer committee. He said that several members of this group, including Representative Herman Badillo of New York City and Tom Wicker, columnist of The New York Times, had asked him to go to "buy time."

He said that the men making these pleas did not know what good his visit might do, but felt something could happen if the Governor went to talk, not with the inmates, but with the observers.

During the hearings last week, Mr. Wicker said it was the sense of the committee that the Governor's visit could have accomplished two things:

One, that by delaying what was then felt to be the inevitable state attack, it would perhaps allow certain "nonnegotiable" items on both sides to become negotiable. And, second, that it might permit the Governor to see firsthand the mood of the massed assault force—a mood that the observers characterized as growingly undisciplined and hostile.

The Governor said he was again asked to go to Attica by his own staff people in a modification of the observer committee's plea.

He said that some nine hours before the state attack, in which 29 inmates and 10 hostages were killed, his staff recommended that he agree to go if 28 points on prison reform, originated by the prisoners and refined by the observer committee, were accepted by the inmates and the hostages were released.

The view was that if this were done, the Governor should go and lend the weight of his office to the state's acceptance of the 28 points. But the prisoners insisted that the 28 points

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GOVERNOR GIVES ATTICA TESTIMONY

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would be meaningless if they were not accompanied by guarantees of criminal amnesty.

In his testimony, the Governor said he had rejected the request of his staff representatives that he go to Attica on the same grounds that he had dismissed the observers plea: that the inmates had turned down the 28 points and that such a gesture on his part would not be useful.

Mr. Rockefeller also said he felt that if he went to Attica to speak to the negotiators, "the first thing the inmates would do was say, 'we demand the Governor comes in the yard'."

In earlier testimony Commissioner Oswald had told the commission of fears that Mr. Rockefeller might be taken hostage if he went inside the prison.

In addition to releasing the Governor's testimony, the nine-member commission, headed by Dean Robert McKay of the New York University Law School, also distributed copies of a transcript of testimony made on April 15 by five members of the Governor's staff who were at the prison during the rebellion.

The five are Robert Douglass, the Governor's secretary; Dr. T. Norman Hurd, Director of State Operations; Gen. A. C. O'Hara, former head of the National Guard and Commissioner of General Services; Michael Whiteman, counsel to the Governor, and Howard Shapiro, first assistant counsel to the Governor.

Testimony by General

In the 172-page transcript of the April 15 proceedings, General O'Hara comments on his activity during the time of the state attack. He said he was on the second floor of a cellblock near correction officers who were armed with shotguns. He said that he did not see these men fire and that at one point he had told their commanding officer that under no circumstances were they to shoot.

Previous testimony of the commission indicated that some correction officers violated the attack plan and did fire from the approximate location where General O'Hara had been standing. The commission staff attributes two deaths to firing by correction officers who were not supposed to participate in the attack.

A state police detective, John Steinmetz, had told the commission that he was assigned as an aide to General O'Hara and that the general had been in the middle of a group of correction officers who fired shotguns from windows of the cellblock during the state attack.

Excerpts From Rockefeller Testimony in Att.

Following are excerpts from the 83-page transcript of Governor Rockefeller's testimony before the McKay Commission. The first four segments are from the Governor's introductory statement.

One of the most recent and widely used techniques of modern-day revolutionaries has been the taking of political hostages and using the threat to kill them as blackmail to achieve unconditional demands and to gain wide public attention to further their revolutionary ends. I have followed these developments with great interest and considered that, if tolerated, they pose a serious threat to the ability of free government to preserve order and to protect the security of the individual citizen.

Therefore I firmly believe that a duly elected official sworn to defend the Constitution and the laws of the state and the nation would be betraying his trust to the people he serves if he were to sanction or condone such criminal act by negotiating under such circumstance.

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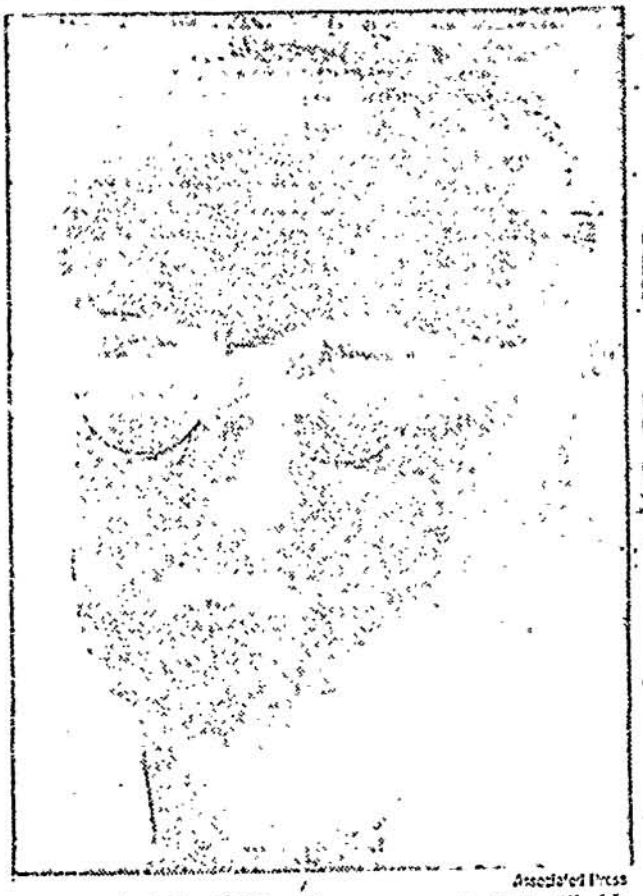
The Governor, commenting on the request of Tom Wicker and Herman Badillo that he go to Attica:

So I said, "Well, what do you think would be accomplished by my presence?" and their answer was, "Well, we don't know, two things. One, something might happen, and two, we could buy time."

"Well," I said, "who do you want to buy time from? Are you worried that the prisoners are going to move and kill the hostages or are you worried the state is going to move?" And they said, "No, we're worried about the state."

"Well," I said, "if it's more time you want, I can give you more time."

"Well," they said, "your presence here would be a new element, and we admit you can't do any of the things, we know you can't go beyond the 28 points agreed to, but maybe if you just come."



Associated Press

Gov. Rockefeller talking to newsmen on Sept. 15, his first public appearance after Attica riot was quelled.

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[On Sunday night] I talked with all of our people, and they came up with a new or modified proposal which was that they would like to make to the prisoners — namely, that if they would release the hostages and go back to their cells and restore order, that then I would come to negotiate the 28 points.

Well, when I questioned them as to what that would do, they said it would not be accepted. I said I thought the 28 points had been turned down flat, so I didn't know what the point of negotiating the details of the 23 points were if they had already been turned down.

Well, then, as Russ [Commissioner Oswald] who was, I think, the originator of this idea felt that, well, that would put me in a better position, that I had offered to come to Attica, but that had no relation. I wasn't trying to posture myself in a good public-relations position. I was trying to do the best I could to save the hostages, save the prisoners, restore order, and preserve our system without undertaking actions which could set a precedent which would go across this country like wildfire.

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I had said during the discussions the previous three days, as we talked over various aspects of this when I heard what was going on with the hostages or had gone on with those who were released, that I thought it would be a great mistake to have the prison guards involved in the freeing of the prisoners; that it would just be humanly impossible for them not to become involved in reprisals; that therefore I wanted the State Police, and I was very impressed with the way the State Police, with the support of guards, had released or freed the first three blocks, 960 inmates, without the use of any firepower [on Thursday].

Following are excerpts of questions asked by commission members and the Governor's response:

ARTHUR LIMAN [counsel to the commission]: And was there any consideration given to attempting to retake the yard without armed force?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: Oh, I'm sure there was.

MR. LIMAN: Was that discussed with you?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: No. I have got to reaffirm that I think—I don't know how much responsibility you have had in administration or in government or in military affairs, but my experience is that the best thing a well-intentioned civilian political personality can do is not try and impose his judgment on professional matters but to pick good people and back them up—and, as I say and as I repeat, these men were all there, had been there 14 years and served with me and everything that had happened to this time had demonstrated their dedication and capacity.

MR. LIMAN: All right, did you ask General O'Hara [former head of the State National Guard, who was at Attica as the Governor's representative] to review the plans of the State Police?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: No, General O'Hara was not in charge.

MR. LIMAN: You mentioned before that you had been told that the ———

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: I have to say to you here, counsel, that I have great confidence in the men who handle the administration of this government, that there wasn't a man in this—volved in this picture—who hasn't been in the government with me for a great many years. They have proven their competence and ability and capability, and I think that you would have to agree that the retaking of the first three cells with the use of no ammunition, no weapons except tear gas and sticks, was a perfect evidence of the kind of restraint and control that they used. I am satisfied that these men, in their best judgment, used what they thought was necessary to minimize lives—to minimize the loss of lives—and to save to the maximum degree possible the security and well-being of the hostages and the prisoners.

MR. LIMAN: What do you base that on, Governor?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: My experience of 14 years with these men and what they have done.

MR. LIMAN: Was there ever any discussion with you during this period about the possibility of trying to use some integrated forces to take the prison?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: What do you mean "integrated"?

MR. LIMAN: Well, for example, having even one black trooper participate in the assault.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: No. I leave these questions—I have done a great deal to encourage the recruitment and membership of the police to reflect the broader base of our community makeup, but when it comes to the deployment of personnel, this is a matter of responsibility of the people who are in charge. But I think to just give you an evidence of the distance to which it seems to me you are reaching in your question, remember these people were all going in with gas masks so what purpose does your thought serve?

MR. LIMAN: I'm not quite sure I understand the question.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: An integrated force with a black member, you say. How do you identify him with a gas mask?

MR. LIMAN: I think the question really was whether you gave any consideration to the possibility that racial attitudes might affect the capacity of———

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: If you will excuse me, I don't think the question is pertinent because I don't think that it's relevant to the action that was taken.

MR. LIMAN: Did any of the members of your staff recommend that you come to Attica?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: In that last discussion at 12:30, or whatever time it was at night, they recommended that I agree to come, that I agree to come if the 28 points were accepted and the hostages were released in order to participate in the negotiation of the 28 points. As I explained to you, the 28 points had been turned down, and I felt this would have exactly the same effect that the other would.

MR. LIMAN: Did you get any advice as to whether time was running in favor of the state or the inmates?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: What do you judge as being favorable to the state?

MR. LIMAN: That it would be easier to———

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: I was interested in lives, not the state.

MR. LIMAN: That it would be easier to take the prison without loss of life as time went by if it became necessary.

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: That is a question of judgment.

MR. LIMAN: Did anybody express that judgment?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: Everything I got from what everybody was saying, it was getting harder as time went by and more dangerous. The prisoners were getting more militant, they were making weapons, bombs, trenches, barricades, more united.

MR. LIMAN: Did any of your advisers urge you not to go to Attica?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: I didn't discuss it with them. I discussed it with Mr. Badillo and his group and told them — they said the group had asked me to come—I expressed my opinion and then I talked to the group, I expressed it to them and I called my people back and expressed it to them.

MR. LIMAN: Did you feel that you could have made any contribution on that scene without yielding on amnesty and flight and these other things that were presented to you?

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER: No. I would go further and say that I feel we are in the very dangerous position in our society if this business of taking hostages, capturing hostages — whether it's in a prison or somewhere else—and then threatening to kill them, or killing them, becomes an accepted method of accomplishing political objectives. I think this could lead to a very serious breakdown both of structure of government, the freedom of the individual and the security of the individual, and I don't think that there was a great deal of discussion on that point in the media or at the time. This gets lost.

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The files of "The New York Times" "morgue" were reviewed on August 22, 1974, August 23, 1974, and August 26, 1974.

The following pages contained articles appearing in the "morgue" pertaining to NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER'S divorce from his first wife, MARY TODHUNTER ROCKEFELLER:

Rockefeller's Divorce: Why Did He Risk It?

By FRANK LYNN
Of the World-Telegram Staff



Just as the Duke of Windsor gave up his kingdom for a woman, Nelson A. Rockefeller may well have given up the Presidency for a woman.

It seems certain that if Rockefeller had not been divorced and remarried, he would today be the odds-on favorite for the Republican Presidential nomination instead of the underdog.

And, as a Presidential nominee, an untarnished Rockefeller would be strongest in the key industrial states where President Johnson is figured to be weakest. Thus, he would be a formidable foe for the Democrats.

Did Not Foresee Intensity of Feeling

Did Rockefeller foresee the devastating repercussions of his divorce and remarriage?

His friends say the Governor knew full well the political peril of his troubled marital affairs, but he did not foresee the intensity of the feelings that would be aroused.



"He thought there'd be a lot of noise about it for a while, but he had no idea of the violent reaction," a politician close to Rockefeller recalled. This associate said Rockefeller has "changed his tactics a dozen times" to meet the continuing unfavorable reaction to his marriage to Mrs. Margaretta Fitler Murphy.

What's To Be Done With Happy Now?

"First, they brought her around everywhere, figuring she'd charm the voters, but in some small towns in New Hampshire, it was murder; they just didn't buy it," declared the associate.

He added that the Rockefellers' trip to Europe last fall was a "debacle." He pointed out that Mrs. Rockefeller "had to wait outside while he met the Pope."

A close adviser to Rockefeller declared that the public's reaction to the marriage had been a

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subject of repeated discussion and debates in the Rockefeller camp.

He said that some advisers urged that the Governor "exploit" his wife "day in and day out" while others argued that he should not "overdo" Mrs. Rockefeller's appearances. "Don't make it obvious, be natural," was the suggestion of these counselors.

So far, no clear-cut pattern has emerged. Immediately after their marriage, Mrs. Rockefeller accompanied her husband almost everywhere he went. More recently, her public appearances have dropped off. She was with him on two of his campaign forays into New Hampshire but not on four others. She traveled to California with the Governor last week but did not appear everywhere he did.

If Rockefeller ever decides to keep his new wife completely out of the public eye, her pregnancy provides the perfect, face-saving excuse.

Some of Rockefeller's advisers overestimated

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the repercussions from his separation in November, 1961, and divorce in March, 1962. They thought it would knock him out of the 1962 gubernatorial race.

Won Re-election Despite It

The divorce did cost him the votes of many Catholics and rural Protestants but the Governor won re-election by a healthy margin of 529,000 votes.

An associate believes this re-election victory misled Rockefeller into underestimating the political fallout from his remarriage.

This associate noted that women in particular have reacted strongly to the fact that Mrs. Rockefeller's children by her marriage to Dr. James Murphy are apparently not in her custody. This reaction has crossed religious lines and is not confined to those opposed in principle to divorce and remarriage.

Another Rockefeller intimate said the custody arrangements will not be made public because they would be damaging politically.

Why did Rockefeller risk what a friend described as his "all-consuming" desire to be President?

The answer seems to be, simply, that he fell in love, and, as another friend put it: "Nelson had made up his mind that this was the right thing to do in the one life he has to live."

Realize Wife Is 'Always On'

"When you are with her a while," this informant said, "you realize she's always on. When she spots a photographer, she'll start a conversation with someone so that she will look natural in the photograph."

None of Rockefeller's associates has seen any indication that the political repercussions of the marriage have caused any resentment between the Governor and his second wife.

The Governor himself was asked if the controversy over his remarriage saddened him.

"I don't feel hurt, nor does Happy," he said. "We don't get any reaction of hostility. There's been a lot written about people's reaction, but I don't feel it."

He pointed out that, although his wife didn't expect it, she is widely recognized, even when she is alone. "People are very friendly to her, just as they are to me," said Rockefeller.

Resentment Is Seen

However, several associates indicated that the Governor's grown children resent the divorce and remarriage—possibly to the point of estrangement.

The young Rockefellers were active in the 1958 gubernatorial campaign but did almost nothing in the 1962 campaign and are not campaigning with their father now as he seeks the Presidential nomination. None of them attended the ceremony when Rockefeller married Happy.

Rockefeller denied any estrangement. In an interview with this reporter he cited a pre-Christmas party at which he was host to 53 family members, including his children.

Despite the public clamor, Rockefeller feels he still can win the Republican Presidential nomination, although his associates say he is less confident now than he was in the first months after his remarriage.

They also say he will stay in the race for the nomination at least until the June 2 California primary, regardless of the outcome of earlier primaries.

"The others are intermediate; they're not as important as California," said one aid.

Another noted that Rockefeller's determination to continue in the race was not only a product of his innate courage—or possibly stubbornness. A strong run gives him bargaining power for a cabinet berth if a liberal or moderate Republican is elected President.

Governor Felt It Was Right

Even if Rockefeller had known for certain that his remarriage would cost him the Presidency, this friend said, Rockefeller would have gone ahead. "He felt it was right, and that was it."

Others disagree with this appraisal. They contend that the Governor did not fully realize the repercussions of his remarriage.

Happy Rockefeller, the woman who has become a Presidential campaign issue, lives up to her childhood nickname, at least in public.

Like her husband, she is very friendly and has great charm. A woman who admitted that she had been "prepared to dislike" Mrs. Rockefeller said she found she "couldn't help liking her." She described the Governor's wife as a "healthy, wholesome and very appealing person with the stamina and courage to be a good campaigner."

At the governors' conference in Miami Beach last summer, Mrs. Rockefeller's friendliness inspired a waitress to recount at length her regrets over leaving Paramus, N. J., to work in Florida.

An observer noted that despite Mrs. Rockefeller's seemingly natural and unaffected friendliness, "she is very conscious that she is the wife of a Governor and a Presidential candidate."

Assailed on Divorce

Special to The New York Times

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 5—A Protestant expert on family matters said today that Governor Rockefeller had "connived to avoid the laws he swore to uphold" by getting a divorce outside New York State.

The Rev. William H. Genne, executive director of the Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches, made the criticism at the first national Study Conference on Church and State, which convened here yesterday.

Mr. Genne, a minister of the United Church of Christ, called Mr. Rockefeller's divorce in Reno in 1962 a "sad spectacle."

He said it was an example of the "inequities" produced by the "hodge-podge" of laws on divorce and other family matters in the states.

In an interview Mr. Genne said Mr. Rockefeller "ought to be under an obligation" to press for a change in New York's divorce laws that would be "more equitable for people who can't afford to go to Nevada."

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ROCKEFELLER GETS CLERIC'S SANCTION

Minister's Condemnation of 2d Marriage Withdrawn

By ROBERT H. PHELPS
Special to The New York Times

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 8 — The minister of the First Baptist Church withdrew today his condemnation of Governor Rockefeller as morally unfit to be President.

However, Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller, who had made preliminary moves to attend the Baptist church, went instead to services at the Brookside Congregational Church. Mr. Rockefeller is a Baptist, his wife an Episcopalian.

The Rev. William D. Goble told the 208 parishioners in the red-brick Baptist church that he had a 45-minute talk last Wednesday with Mr. Rockefeller about the Governor's divorce and remarriage.

As a result, Mr. Goble said, he thought he had been "too hasty" in making his moral judgment. He had found, he said, "mitigating circumstances," indicating that the divorce of the Governor and that of the second Mrs. Rockefeller were justified.

Not 'to Satisfy a Love Affair'

Later he explained:

"I think that neither party got his divorce simply to satisfy a love affair."

Mr. Goble issued his statement condemning Mr. Rockefeller on moral grounds last July. Last Monday he ordered the statement reprinted in the church bulletin that was distributed today.

That same day, he said, he received a telephone call from former Gov. Hugh Gregg, manager of the Rockefeller campaign in New Hampshire. Mr. Gregg, he said, sounded him out about the Rockefellers' attending services.

Mr. Goble said he had pointed out that in view of his criticism of Mr. Rockefeller a visit might be "embarassing." He then suggested a talk with Mr. Rockefeller.

The meeting was held Wednesday at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel in Concord.

Mr. Goble said he had asked pointed questions about the circumstances of the Rockefellers' private lives. Mr. Rockefeller, he said, answered frankly but requested that the details be kept confidential.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller were married last May 4. The Governor and Mary Todhunter Clark Rockefeller, his first wife, were divorced in March of 1962. The couple, who had been married 31 years, have four children.

The second Mrs. Rockefeller, the former Margaretta Fitler, was divorced from Dr. James Slater Murphy last April. The couple have four children.

Asked after the service how he was going to vote, Mr. Goble said he would cast his ballot for Harold E. Stassen because he had always admired his views.

Issue Arises on TV Show

The divorce question also came up when Mr. Rockefeller was questioned on the Columbia Broadcasting System television program "Face the Nation."

He said he had not been asked once about the divorce in his campaign in New Hampshire.

The Governor, however, apparently forgot that he had been asked about it by a high-school journalism student about a month ago. He replied then that the issue was a matter for voters to decide in the secrecy of the ballot box.

Earlier, in an interview on radio Station WBZ, Boston, Mr. Rockefeller said he did not think "there's any chance" that Henry Cabot Lodge, Ambassador to South Vietnam, would lead the field in the Presidential popularity poll Tuesday.

In the early afternoon Mr. Rockefeller was cheered by about 500 persons of Greek ancestry and more than 250 Polish Americans.

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Episcopal Magazine Sees Rockefeller Hurt Politically

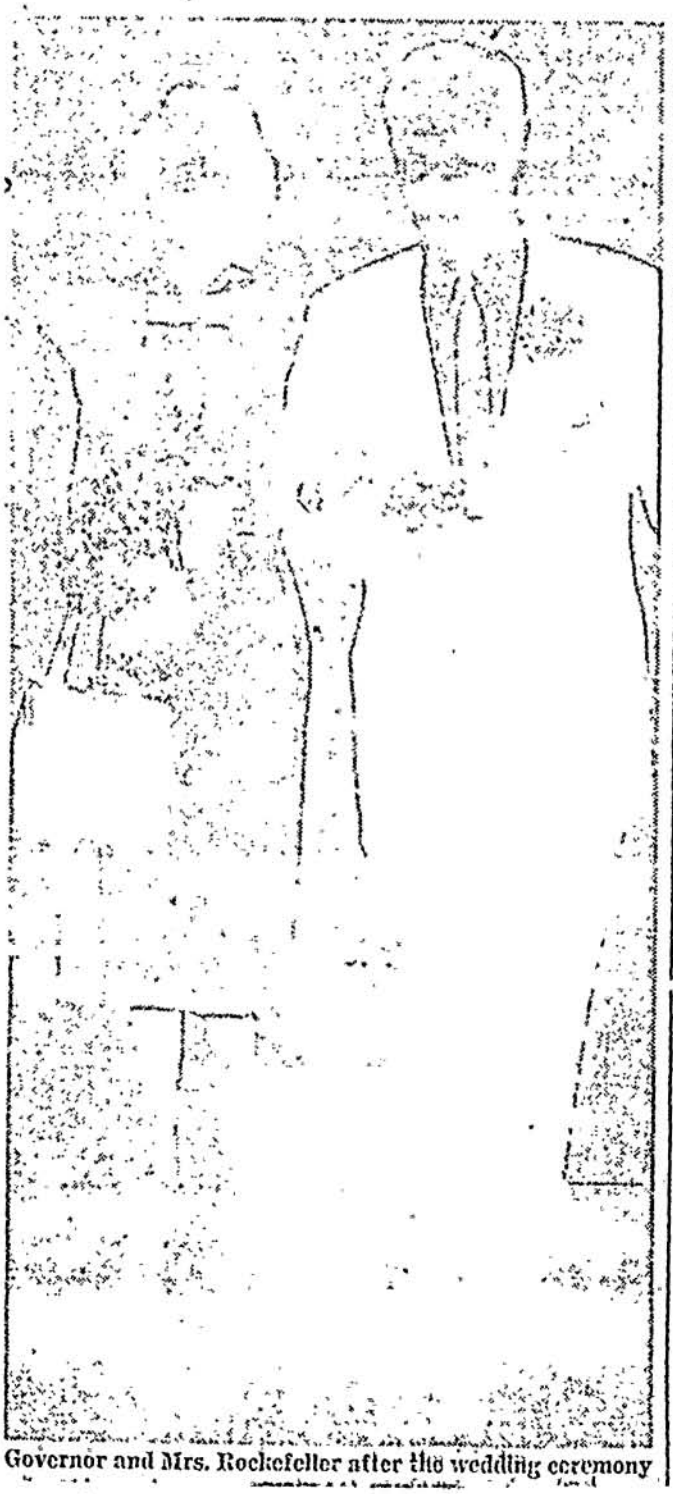
The Living Church, an unofficial but influential weekly magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church, said in its May 19 issue it doubted that Governor Rockefeller can any longer be considered a candidate for the Presidency" because of his divorce and remarriage.

In an editorial entitled "Thy Neighbor's Wife," the magazine said the issue was the "clear-cut 'moral principle" of the Old Testament Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife." The editorial added:

"Perhaps the whole idea of this particular marriage did not occur to either participant until they were both legally free, but appearances are to the contrary."

"New York Times"
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GOV. ROCKEFELLER MARRIES MRS. MURPHY AT POCANTICO; EFFECT ON 1964 IS WEIGHED



Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller after the wedding ceremony

FAMILIES PRESENT

Couple Will Fly Today to Venezuela Ranch for 3-Week Stay

By HOMER BIGART

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mrs. Margaretta Fitler Murphy were married yesterday in a [illegible] at the home of the Governor's brother, Laurance S. Rockefeller, in Pocantico Hills, N. Y.

The ceremony was performed at noon by the Rev. Marshall L. Smith of the Union Church of Pocantico Hills. Mr. Smith is an ordained clergyman of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Governor, 54 years old, is a Baptist. The bride, 36, is an Episcopalian.

Mr. Smith read from the Book of Common Worship. The double-ring ceremony lasted 15 minutes.

[illegible] the immediate members of the bride's and bridegroom's families attended the ceremony.

'Beautiful' Service

Mrs. George E. Bartol, the bride's mother, later described the wedding as a "beautiful, simple service."

"It was held in the living room," she said. "Flowers were banked at the end of the room. It was just a lovely profusion of flowers."

The Governor and his bride will leave by plane today for a three-week wedding trip to Monte Sacro, one of Mr. Rockefeller's ranches in Venezuela.

The wedding came after months of rumors that Mrs. Murphy was to become the second wife of Governor Rockefeller.

These rumors became insistent after April 19, when it was announced that Mrs. Murphy had obtained a divorce in Idaho from Dr. James Slater Murphy, a 40-year-old virologist at the Rockefeller Institute in New York.

Plans Kept Secret

Mrs. Murphy's 14-year marriage was terminated on the ground of "grievous mental anguish."

A similar ground was used by Mrs. Mary Todhunter Clark Rockefeller when, after 31 years of marriage, she divorced the Governor in Reno 11 months ago.

The marriage license was issued Friday night by Mrs. Helen Logan, town clerk of Mount Pleasant, in which Pocantico Hills is situated. Mrs. Logan was told to keep the plans a secret.

Mrs. Logan said she had been picked up at her office in North Tarrytown, N. Y., by Carl Spad, appointments secretary for the

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FAMILY ATTENDS WEDDING AT NOON

Couple Will Leave Today for 3-Week Honeymoon at Venezuela Ranch

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Governor, and been driven to the home of Laurance Rockefeller.

There, she said, she issued the license after seeing a blood-test certificate that Mrs. Murphy had obtained from a New York physician on April 22, and a waiver of requirement to produce a blood test certificate obtained by the Governor from State Supreme Court Justice Joseph F. Gagliardi.

A blood test of both parties is required before a marriage license is issued. At least three days must elapse between the taking of the test and the marriage ceremony.

Mrs. Logan said that when she reached Laurance Rockefeller's house she found the Governor and Mrs. Murphy on the patio. The Governor was wearing a sport shirt and slacks and Mrs. Murphy a "simple informal dress." Mrs. Logan said the Governor chatted for an hour, mostly about the weather, which was unusually warm, and the bills he had signed that day in Albany.

Declined Comment

In the last two weeks the Governor had turned aside all questions concerning his remarriage with a smiling "no comment." But yesterday it was learned that he was adding another apartment to his residence on the 12th floor of a building at 810 Fifth Avenue, near 61st Street. The new seven-room addition contains a soundproof playroom and a nurse's room.

Architectural plans for the addition were filed Feb. 18.

Mrs. Murphy has four children: James B. Murphy, 2d, 12 years old; Margetta Harrison Murphy, 10; Carol Slater Murphy, 7; and Melinda Murphy, 3.

Under the Murphys' separation agreement the children are to receive "the continued benefit of the companionship, guidance and affection of both their parents," Mrs. Murphy's lawyer, Edward S. Greenbaum, said last night. Mr. Greenbaum said the agreement also amicably settled all property interests.

The Governor's former wife is now living in the top two floors of the triplex apartment at 810 Fifth Avenue. The Governor retained the 12th floor. Connections between the two parts of the apartment have been permanently sealed.

The new addition to the Governor's apartment is in a cooperative under construction at 812-814 Fifth Avenue, and the Governor will have access to it by way of an eight-step stairway.

Messengers Sent Out

The announcement of the wedding was made in a press release from the office of Laurance Rockefeller. It was delivered by special messenger to news offices in the same casual manner in which word was first given of the Governor's divorce.

The announcement noted that both the Governor and Mrs. Murphy had been married previously and that the marriages had been terminated by divorce. It said:

"The bride wore a pale blue dress of silk Shantung, of straight line with a small bow at the neck.

"She wore natural-color shoes and white gloves, and carried a bouquet of spring flowers.

"Mr. and Mrs. Laurance S. Rockefeller were hosts at a luncheon following the ceremony."

The announcement said that on the couple's return from Venezuela they would "make their home at the Executive Mansion in Albany and at the Governor's home in Pocantico Hills."

The announcement went on to identify the bride:

"Mrs. Rockefeller, the former Margaretta Fitler, is the daughter of Mrs. George E. Bartol Jr. of Wynnewood, Pa., and the late William W. Fitler Jr. Her maternal grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison Jr. of Philadelphia and her paternal grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. William W. Fitler of Villanova, Pa.

"Mrs. Rockefeller is descended from families whose members have played significant roles in the founding of many important institutions of the country.

Ancestor Founded Princeton

"One of her ancestors was Jonathan Dickinson, who founded Princeton University in 1746 and became its first president. Her great-grandfather was General George Gordon Meade, who commanded the Union forces at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Another great-grandfather was Joseph Harrison, a civil engineer, who founded the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia.

"Another great-grandfather, Edwin H. Fitler, who was Mayor of Philadelphia from 1887 to 1891, founded the family business, the Fitler Rope Works in Philadelphia.

"Mrs. Rockefeller was born June 9, 1926 in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and was graduated from the Shipley School in 1944. She

unteer Service in Philadelphia and also served as a volunteer in the Pennsylvania Hospital. In 1948 she was married to Dr. James Slater Murphy of New York.

"Mrs. Rockefeller worked as a volunteer in Governor Rockefeller's gubernatorial campaign in 1958, and subsequently was an administrative assistant on the Governor's staff. She resigned in 1961.

"Mrs. Rockefeller's marriage to Dr. Murphy was terminated by divorce in April of this year. They have four children . . ."

The announcement summarized Governor Rockefeller's career in the following paragraph:

"Governor Rockefeller is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller and Senator and Mrs. Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island. He was first elected Governor of New York State in 1958 and re-elected in 1962. His marriage to the former Mary Todhunter Clark of Philadelphia was terminated by divorce in 1962. There were five children: Rodman C.; Mrs. Robert L. Pierson; Steven C.; Mrs. William J. Strawbridge Jr., and the late Michael C."

Michael Rockefeller was lost and presumed drowned while on an anthropological expedition to Dutch New Guinea in November, 1961. This happened shortly after it was learned that the first Mrs. Rockefeller was seeking a divorce.

Ninth Grandchild Born

The Governor has a new grandchild, born three weeks ago to Mrs. Strawbridge, who lives in Haverford, Pa. The Governor now has nine grandchildren and a tenth is on the way. Mrs. Anne Marie Rasmussen Rockefeller, wife of Steven, is expecting her second child.

The Governor and his bride will depart from Idlewild airport at 9 A.M. today aboard Pan American World Airways flight 203.

Among those who attended the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bartol Jr. of Wynnewood, Pa., mother and stepfather of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. William W. Fitler 3d of Philadelphia, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Iselin of New York.

Also Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr., stepmother of the Governor; Mr. and Mrs. Laurance S. Rockefeller; Rodman C. Rockefeller, son of the Governor, and Mrs. Rodman Rockefeller, and Dr. W. Kenneth Riland of New York, a longtime friend of the Governor.

Dr. Riland, the Governor's osteopath, often travels with him, setting up a table and working on the Governor's back.

The names of several members of the Rockefeller family were not on the guest list. These included the Governor's two daughters, Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Strawbridge; his son, Steven, and the Governor's brothers, John D. 3d, David and Winthrop.

The Laurance Rockefeller home is not far from a house owned by the first Mrs. Rockefeller. She was once active in the Union Church of Pocantico Hills.

Wife of Governor Sues Dr. Murphy Over 4 Children

Special to The New York Times

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Aug. 18—A dispute between Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller, wife of the Governor, and her former husband over custody of their four children is scheduled to be heard in State Supreme Court here tomorrow.

At the time of the marriage of the Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller, on May 4, 1963, Edward S. Greenbaum, Mrs. Rockefeller's lawyer, said that under the separation agreement the children were to receive "the continued benefit of the companionship, guidance and affection of both their parents." Property interests were also amicably settled, Mr. Greenbaum said.

Another notice of motion showed Dr. Murphy was seeking dismissal of the suit and the "return forthwith" to him of Malinda Murphy, 4 years old.

The other Murphy children are James, 13, Margaretta, 11, and Carol, 8.

Lives in Pocantico Hills

Mrs. Rockefeller lives at Pocantico Hills, in the same judicial district as White Plains. She was married to the Governor after obtaining a divorce from Dr. Murphy in Idaho on grounds of "grievous mental anguish."

Last May 30 she gave birth to Nelson A. Rockefeller Jr. Dr. Murphy married Miss Victoria Thompson last June 10.

Justice Joseph F. Gagliardi is scheduled to preside in the custody dispute. No decision had been made by him today on whether the case would be heard in public.

Mrs. Rockefeller is represented by Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst of New York. Dr. Murphys lawyers are Turk, Marsh, Kelly & Hoare of New York.

Counsel for both Mrs. Rockefeller and Dr. Murphy declined to comment on the matter.

Last night, a spokesman for the Rockefeller family, when asked whether private negotiations were being carried on toward an out-of-court agreement, said only that there was a "proceeding relating to the care and upbringing of the children."

"New York Times"
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EPISCOPALIAN LAW ON WEDDING CITED

Because of her marriage to Governor Rockefeller the former Mrs. Margaretta Fitler Murphy has lost her communicant status in the Protestant Episcopal Church. While she will always be welcome to worship she no longer can receive holy communion at the altar rail.

The canons of the Episcopal Church forbid the remarriage of "any person who has been the husband or wife of any other person then living" unless a bishop or ecclesiastical court has made a formal judgment that the first marriage was not a true marriage in the eyes of the church.

A bishop can approve a new marriage if he finds that the first suffered from one of nine "impediments."

Church law provides, however, that any person who has lost communicant rights because of a second marriage may apply to his bishop for restoration to good standing. The bishop has discretionary authority to grant the restoration if he deems it wise "after due inquiry into all the facts."

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The following article appearing in "The New York Times" issue of April 19, 1972, pertains to the ROCKEFELLER family's contribution to the nominee's re-election drive in 1970:

By BEN A. FRANKLIN

WASHINGTON, April 18--The most detailed study ever made of campaign contributions to political candidates has confirmed a cynical notion about American elections--that one formidable asset for public office is great personal wealth.

This finding is documented in several new studies and in a massive, computerized analysis of 1970 campaign contributions reported in Washington and 10 states. The studies and the analysis were prepared by the Citizens' Research Foundation of Princeton, N.J.

The foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan election spending study center, has just published, at $75 a copy a compendium of campaign donor of $500 or more in 1970.

Rockefellers at Top

On the basis of public but formerly unassembled data, the foundation's studies disclose that Governor Rockefeller and his family have given him the most money ever spent by an American to obtain and hold public office--including family spending of at least $4.5 million in 1970.

This year, however, wealthy candidates for Federal office--those running for state offices are exempt--have been barred by law from spending great sums on their own campaigns.

This new Federal Election Campaign Act, which went into effect April 7, bars gifts to candidates by themselves and their relatives of more than an aggregate of $25,000 for a House race, $35,000 for a Senate candidacy and $50,000 for the Presidency.

The significance of the limitation, assuming it is enforced, can be seen in a list of 117 family groups and individual donors who gave $25,000 or more in 1970. The list has been abstracted by The New York Times from the foundation's roster of 28,600 persons who contributed $500 or more.

The 117 family groups gave a total of $19,178,192 or 41 per cent of the $46,658,000 contained in the full research report. The list includes 45 candidates or family groups who made campaign investments of $500,000 to $1 million.

Governor Rockefeller's total campaign spending since 1952 including the fraction of his gubernatorial campaign contributions that came fron nonfamily sources--it is something less than half--exceeds $27-million, according to Herbert E. Alexander, the Citizens' Research Foundation director.

This estimate includes Mr. Rockefeller's campaigns for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1960, 1964, and 1968 and four successful races for Governor.

In 1970, according to the foundation, Mr. Rockefeller spent more than $7.7 million, including at least $4.5 million, or 58 per cent, from Rockefeller family members, in his gubernatorial campaign against former Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, his Democratic opponent.

In Mr. Alexander's 1970 campaign gift compendium, "Political Contributors of $500 or More in 1970" the computer, by assembling names and figures from public campaign spending reports in Albany, found that Mr. Rockefeller's sister, Mrs. Abby Mauze, and his brothers, John D. 3d, David, Laurance and Winthrop, gave him $1,448,533. The Governor reported giving his various campaign committees $77,500.

The Governor's stepmother, the late Mrs. Martha Baird Rockefeller, gave him $2,803,500 for his 1970 race--an amount on which she was presumably required to pay a Federal gift tax of about $868,000.

With other, small contributions--$500, for example, from John D. Rockefeller, 4th, a Democrat of Charleston, W. Va. the family total mounted to $4.5 million as shown in the foundation's book.

Not shown, but to be included in a forthcoming report by the foundation, was $518,888 the Governor listed as "expenditures" in his Albany campaign financial disclosures--that is, out-of-pocket costs not borne by established fund-raising committees but paid directly by him.